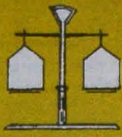


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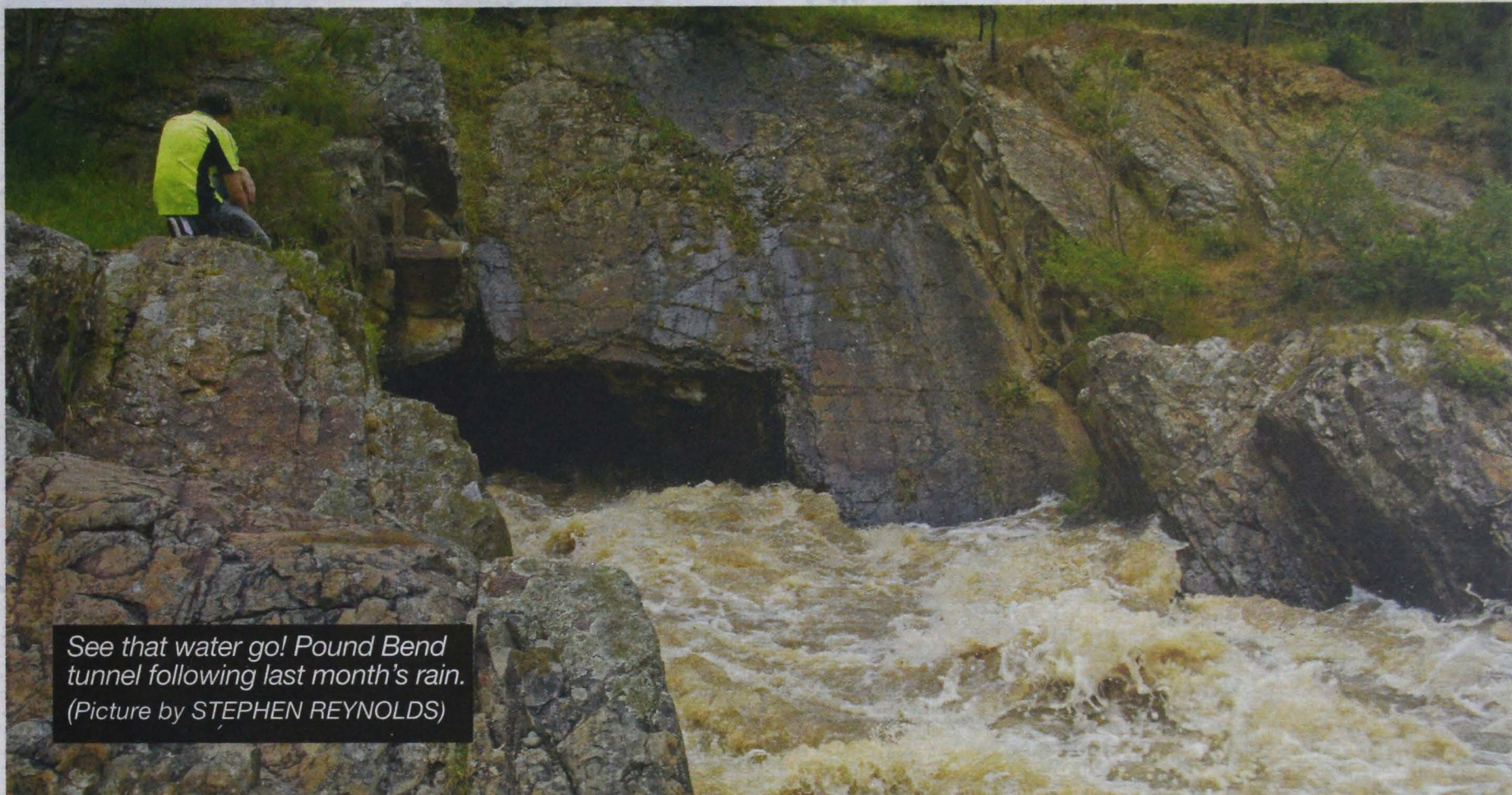
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See that water go! Pound Bend tunnel following last month's rain.  
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# Future roadmap?

## 'Ladder to moon' before it happens

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Although a VicRoads map indicating routes for freeways, tollways and major roads—up until the year 2040—depicts several proposed major arterials around Warrandyte, the *Diary* believes none directly threaten the township.

The map was leaked to The Age newspaper last month. Whilst VicRoads cannot confirm when the map was produced, it is believed to be part of long-term speculative

planning for Melbourne's transport options.

The map depicts a six-lane arterial running from where Springvale Road currently ends in Donvale, north through Eltham and joining with an "outer-outer ring road" at Diamond Creek and on to Coldstream.

"There will be a ladder to the moon before a freeway is built from Diamond Creek to Coldstream," state Labor MP for Yan Yean, Danielle Green told the *Diary*.

While this road has the potential to provide Warrandyte residents with another river crossing, the map suggests that it would come close to Warrandyte High School and cut across parkland that abuts

the river.

"This road would do serious environmental damage and completely transform Eltham North," Warrandyte Community Association vice president Jonathon Upson said.

Another projected road extension could be built from the end of Reynolds Road, connecting Donvale with Croydon, via Park Orchards, Warrandyte South and Waranwood. Again, a six-lane arterial has been proposed for this route, according to the leaked map.

We are told that the proposals depicted on this map have not been approved "within or beyond VicRoads". However, it is worth noting that VicRoads

has a history of planning behind closed doors.

In 1969 the Melbourne Transport Plan was released by the Bolte government, paving the way for today's freeways, setting out plans to reserve vast stretches of land, including the reserve for what is now Eastlink.

Greens candidate for Warrandyte in the forthcoming state elections, Chris Padgham, told the *Diary* that if the roads on this map were ever implemented, they would have a major impact on traffic in Warrandyte.

"There would be an increase in density of traffic on Yarra Street as it would act as a feeder road into new major arterials," he said. "The im-

portant thing for planning is to focus on taking cars off the road."

Mr Padgham was reluctant to describe a new bridge crossing, as depicted on the map, as a win for residents who wish to evacuate during times of bushfire.

"There may be a marginal benefit, but the problem of evacuations is not going to be solved by an additional bridge. The focus needs to be on early evacuation or creating safe places near homes," he said.

"Local Labor MPs are absolutely opposed to freeways through the Green Wedge, as well as any urban expansion into the Green Wedge," Ms Green said.

Liberal MP for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith, was also reluctant to speculate on the leaked 2040 document, stating it has no grounding in government policy. But he did reassure the *Diary* that there is "no risk to the Green Wedge in Warrandyte".

WCA's Jonathon Upson stated: "No one can imagine how expensive petrol will be by 2040, it is simply not a sensible use of resources to be planning more freeways for the future."

"Los Angeles has proven that more freeways do not ease congestion, but merely facilitate more cars and urban sprawl. WCA would like to see a government looking into smarter transport options."

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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



# Cinnamon's spicy celebration

**E**IGHTEEN, eh!" It was indeed a big day for Cinnamon. She'd already booked her driving test, put her Britney Spears collection on e-Bay and made an appointment to have "NOTHING LASTS FOREVER" tattooed across her back.

She even got a card from Alan Cornell who had finally realised that Cinnamon had been 17 for the last three years.

But the highlight was a family celebration, a rollicking do involving the entire Trotts clan at 48 Dingley Dell Road.

Narelle and Gran had excelled themselves with the horses doovers—vol au vents, devils on horseback and little boys in tomato sauce. And a cake based on Cinnamon's favourite movie, *The Godfather*. The horse's mane was made of licorice and raspberry topping dripped from its severed neck.

Cinnamon herself had been locked in the bathroom for an hour and a half, and emerged looking hot in a leopard skin top, leather hem shorts and electric blue platform pumps.

"Who's that little tart?" said Aunt Elspeth. Aunt Elspeth was Gran's sister but lacked Gran's social graces.

"Shut your trap, Elsp!" snapped Gran.

"Well she looks like some-



### living with The Trotts

"Nonsense, Cinnamon, you look gorgeous!" shrieked Raelene, Narelle's almost famous sister. Raelene had once been cast in a TV advertisement for Jenny Craig but the "before" and "after" shots had been indistinguishable and it never got to air. She turned to her husband. "Doesn't she look gorgeous, Rolf?"

"Wilf... Wolf..." said Elspeth. "It'll come to me in a minute."

Cinnamon dived for a top-up.

"You were such a little cutie," slurred Uncle Alfred. "I used to chase you round the back shed..."

"No more, Alf!" said Auntie Ruth.

"Alfa... Alfalfa... It's on the tip of my tongue," said Elspeth, as Cinnamon poured herself a bourbon and Coke without the Coke.

"Remember that Christmas carol we used to sing about Rudolph and Olive, Cinnamon?" said cousin Rafaela. "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names!"

"She's still bringing strays home," grinned Neville. "Boys called Raoul, Roland and Randolph!"

"Razzle... Dazzle... Can't re-

member it for the life of me," cursed Elspeth.

Cinnamon headed for the bathtub to fetch another bottle of Omni.

"Come on Nev, it's time for your speech," said Narelle.

"Ladies and Gentleman," announced Neville and asked for everyone's attention, twice, but continued anyway.

"Musn't take up too much of your time, but if Jasper could possibly lower the lights..." And proceeded to wade through a Powerpoint presentation chronicling every significant moment and many more insignificant ones, from Cinnamon's home delivery in a Clark wading pool, to baby snaps, kinder paintings, school concerts, sports days, holiday prints, camps, dances, a home movie of her appendix operation and several mentions in the *Diary*.

When he finally got to the part about raising your glasses, Narelle had to round everybody up again and herd them back into the lounge room. Till the only one missing was the guest of honour.

"Where's the birthday girl, then?" boomed Neville.

The talking stopped and all heads turned as an unmistakable sound echoed from the direction of the loo.

"RAAALPH! RAAALPH!"

"That's it!" said Aunt Elspeth.

"I knew I'd get it eventually."

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# Libs promise cash for Warrandyte Reserve

A Liberal government would provide \$800,000 towards a major redevelopment of the pavilion at Warrandyte Reserve, if elected at the forthcoming state elections.

Ryan Smith, MP for Warrandyte, announced late last month that with "additional local council and community contributions, this will mean that significant funds will be available for the project."

"I am delighted to be able to make this substantial commitment to the future of the Warrandyte Reserve

and to the many people who enjoy the reserve's facilities," Mr Smith told the *Diary*.

The campaign for the redevelopment—going back more than three years—has been led by the local netball club and the desperate need for decent facilities for young netballers in Warrandyte.

These girls have been described as "the town's orphans" as they have trained under appalling conditions at the reserve.

"Ryan Smith has been working with the Warrandyte Net-

ball Club for approximately three years," club president Sue Rodwell told the *Diary*.

In May, 2008, Mr Smith tabled a petition in state parliament with almost 1300 signatures supporting the need for better netball facilities in Warrandyte.

Following the release of the Warrandyte Reserve Management Plan, the netball club began working with the football club, cricket club and junior football club, exploring a redevelopment of the pavilion.

"At this point, Ryan committed to working towards an upgrade of the reserve for all clubs," Ms Rodwell said. "Last month, the combined clubs put a formal proposal to Manningham council which was well received and from which council gave us much encouragement."

"This announcement by Ryan Smith formalises the sports pavilion group plans and gives us even more momentum."

Plans for the pavilion incorporate additional change

facilities, improved viewing across the main oval and access to and from the current changing rooms.

"The plans address our concerns around congestion and safety, the ability of the facility to support netball and football or cricket at the same time, but also serving activities on both sides of the pavilion," Ms Rodwell said.

The social rooms will be able to cater for 300 people, "which will be great, as it is difficult to cater for large events in Warrandyte—oth-

erwise we have to leave town."

Mr Smith commented: "Players and supporters of Warrandyte's netball, football, cricket and junior football clubs will all benefit from this investment."

"Whether people are raising funds for their clubs, cheering their team to victory or being part of Warrandyte's sporting life, Warrandyte Reserve is a focal point for many volunteers and sports people in our community," he said.

# Centre supporters face two options: merge or wind-up

## WSCGG will decide fate within weeks

Following the decision by Manningham council to resume management of Warrandyte Community Centre, the centre's support group (WCCSG) is debating its future.

Council has requested WCCSG work with it to form a community consultative group to advise council on the running of the centre.

However, at the annual general meeting of WCCSG, held late last month, a motion to merge the group with the Warrandyte Community Association provoked extended discussion and resulted in a final decision being delayed, with a second proposal, that WCCSG should be wound up, firmly on the agenda for future consideration.

"Winding up the group is logical," president David Dyason told the *Diary*. "A small legacy of reserve funds and assets remains, and bequeathing this to like-minded WCA seems appropriate."

Mr Dyason believes the options are clear: "Wind up the group or merge it with WCA".

"On the other hand, perhaps WCCSG's presence in future advocacy for the centre would paint a more satisfactory historical picture," Mr Dyason argued, "with its 140 members remaining on the register of concerned Warrandyte citizens, the remaining assets adding power to the cause".

The meeting asked Warrandyte Community Association president Dick Davies to prepare an option paper for amalgamation or wind-up, which will be circulated to WCCSG members.

Mr Davies has identified three options for the future of WCCSG: continue as an advisory group, amalgamate with WCA or another local



organisation, or wind up.

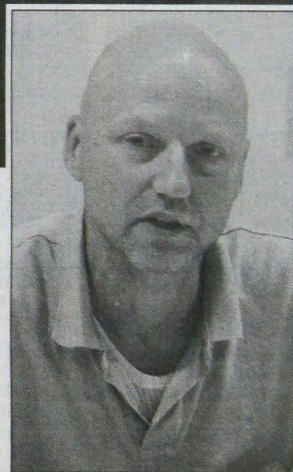
"It is appropriate at this stage to say that WCCSG has been very successful in achieving its ends, to manage the centre professionally and to ensure that council takes full responsibility for its asset, a responsibility that a former council totally abnegated 10 years ago," Mr Davies said.

He congratulated Manningham council officers on their professional approach to resolving this issue and "hopes they will build on the exper-

tise gained by the local committee to ensure a smooth transition. WCA will continue to take a keen interest in the management of the Community Centre."

The WSCGG meeting adjourned without a motion being passed. It was resolved that a report be assembled to assist final decision-making in early December or late January.

● The *Diary* seeks readers' comments on this issue.



Above: Support group members consider their options. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

"Wind up the group or merge it with WCA".

—David Dyason

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Standing by: buses in "layover". (Picture by Jan Tindale)

## Pleasant surprise on new SmartBus

On two occasions in October we had to use country trains from Southern Cross station.

As infrequent users of the Warrandyte to city bus service, we were pleasantly surprised when using the new 906 SmartBus service, which took us from Warrandyte to the Southern Cross station.

Even in off-peak periods they operate every 15 minutes.

We noted Carol Egan's comments in the last *Diary*.

However, very few people were on the bus until it turned into Andersons Creek and Blackburn roads,

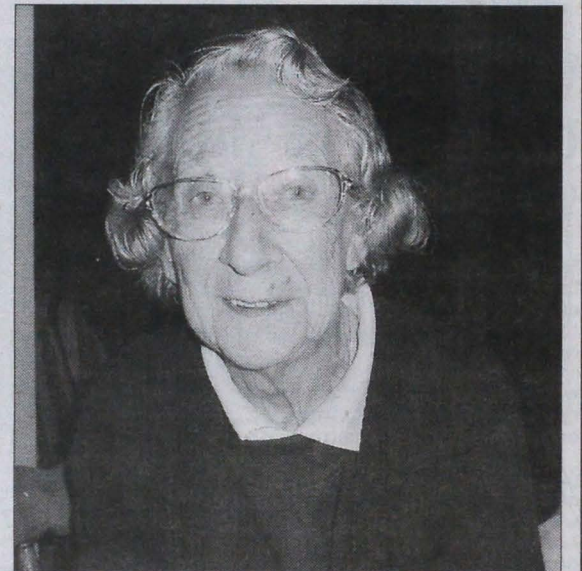
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## Little lady in a purple raincoat



Down but not out: Marnie Horkings smiles through it all.

For the locals who remember Marnie, the little lady who was always walking, often in her purple raincoat...

On September 4, Marnie celebrated her 99th birthday—a lovely day! But two days later she fell and broke her hip.

The hip was successfully operated on that afternoon at Maroondah Hospital, but the next two weeks were a very low time for family and friends. After two weeks, Marnie was transferred to

William Angliss at Fern-tree Gully for rehab.

She has not improved enough to go back to Blue Willows, and is now deemed to need high care. She will now move to Newmans Manor in Newmans Road, Templestowe, a very new facility and close to Warrandyte.

An amazing lady and an inspiration to her family and friends.

Leonie Horne  
Mitchell Avenue

# Questions and answers on our new bus service

The increase in scheduled bus services in Warrandyte will probably be viewed by most people as a positive step. However, there are adverse consequences that have not been adequately addressed. Along with these services comes a decision to use the 60m strip above the Lions tennis courts to "layover" the buses.

The process of laying-over at the bridge roundabout results in buses congregating at this location to facilitate the timing requirements to maintain the schedule.

This location has had serious safety concerns for years, and was identified by independent planning consultants as requiring immediate attention.

As a result of this the footpath was constructed, unfortunately soon after this the buses started using this location for layovers.

Concerns were raised with the bus company approximately a year ago, however since then the practice has significantly increased.

From Monday, October 4, when the Transport Department and the bus operator commenced the Doncaster Area Rapid Transit services, the Warrandyte bridge roundabout became the terminus for the Route 906 Smartbus.

Along with an increase in the scheduled services came a dramatically increased presence of static buses above the Lions courts, while they layover to maintain their schedules.

The township lost the bus indent outside the Community Centre because it was inconvenient for buses to pull out into traffic, and gained buses using the indent adjacent to the Lions courts because it is convenient for them to use that particular indent—Warrandyte has received a double whammy.

The roundabout now serves, annually, approximately 26,000 bus trips 18 hours per day from 6am to 12 midnight. It is now common to see a bus there every 15 minutes, waiting for approximately the same period until moving on, and in peak times there may be two or more buses.

This is what you might expect in an inner city suburb, and is not suitable in Warrandyte. Issues of safety, congestion and the area's amenity have been compromised.

Another unpalatable consequence is the presence of ever-changing advertising billboards on the sides of the buses, making the bus shelter advertising issue rather small in comparison.

Below is a response received from Bus and Regional Services, Department of Transport.

Q: Who decided that the official location to lay up buses was to be at the bridge roundabout next to the tennis courts?

A: The Department arranged for the truncation of Route 364 at the roundabout which causes the need to transfer and layover. The Department is reviewing this and may consider other areas to transfer.

More likely further west (not towards Jumping Creek).  
Q: Have impacts upon safety with regards to sightlines, congestion, room for emergency traffic manoeuvres, safe use by pedestrians, access for emergency vehicles, and for unobstructed access north of the Yarra River during the fire season been considered?

A: We have had no reported incidents. We are also looking at installing a pedestrian crossing.  
Q: What impacts are there with regard to the township's amenity and character?

A: That is not something that is usually considered.  
Q: What would a terminus for 26,000 buses trips generally require?

A: It is probably commensurate with any other terminus of similar capacity.  
Q: How similar in physical layout would today's design criteria be compared to the existing arrangement at the

bridge roundabout?

A: If it was purpose-built in this area it would probably not be much different—space is very limited here.

Q: Why can't the roundabout at Jumping Creek be used as an alternative terminus?

A: It is less suitable for transfers (as I said we are looking further west not east) and would require considerable upgrading.

Q: What would it cost for a new terminus at Jumping Creek?

A: A guess is approximately \$400-500k in infrastructure and \$500k in recurrent annual funding.

Q: Can funding for the new terminus be obtained through a variation in the budget for the current works being undertaken?

A: I don't think so.

Q: Can funding be obtained through another source?

A: I don't know.

Q: Has there been any community consultation with local police, CFA, residents, Warrandyte Community Association, Warrandyte Traders Association, Lions Clubs or Warrandyte Bakery to determine the best location for the terminus and the location for bus lay-ups?

A: I don't know.

David Wierzbowski  
By email

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## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



# Community welcomes new CFA fire station out north

By SANDY BURGOYNE

At long last, North Warrandyte has its new fire station.

Bob Cameron, minister for police and emergency services, officially opened the station at a community gathering early last month.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony including: Craig Lapsley, the fire services commissioner, state local member Danielle Green, CFA senior management, representatives from the DSE and Parks Victoria, the mayor and CEO of the Shire of Nillumbik, brigade members with their families, along with North Warrandyte residents and former residents.

Yan Yean MP Danielle Green remarked, "It is really like a Who's Who of the fire services here today."

The proceedings opened with children from the neighbouring Yarra Warra Pre-school singing the Australian national anthem—a *cappella*. Thunderous applause rewarded their spirited and clear rendition. Ms Green commented, "I know that we've got many future firefighters who just sang to us today."

Minister Cameron spoke of the importance of volunteer firefighters to the community.

"Ultimately what makes an organisation great is its people.

"You down your tools and you go and help, just as you know that there will be others that will come from other parts of the state to help in that situation," he said.

CFA board member John Peberdy said that the new North Warrandyte facility will enhance the brigade's service delivery to the community.

"This brigade has formed a partnership with their community to utilise the adjacent community hall for their meetings, accessing kitchen facilities and larger meeting rooms. The North Warrandyte fire brigade and the community have worked in unison and will continue to work side-by-side. This is truly a community partnership. It is also the very essence of the CFA ethos."

North's captain Rohan Thornton told the audience how the relocation of the brigade from Glynn's Road to the new site beside the community centre and pre-school on Research-Warrandyte Road came about.

"The genesis of this fire station, this magnificent structure, occurred as the result of a terrible act of arson on October 16, 2002. Ironically the Yarra Warra kindergarten and our

community hall, which was a fire refuge, burnt down.

"Mick Keating, a long-service member of the brigade, wandered over to Bob Stubbings, who was our local councillor then, and mentioned that this may be a place to put a fire station. Bucky (Paul Buck), who was our captain at the time, suggested that maybe we should put the fire out first before we had the conversation.

"The rest is history. That conversation led to an amazing journey. It's been a long and sometimes difficult one.

"I must admit to being a little teary on Friday night as I was watching the trucks back in for the first time. It was a magnificent moment," he told the audience.

The old fire station on Glynn's Road was built to service a bygone era. The garage section is not large enough to accommodate the size of modern trucks. In 1997 the chassis on the new Isuzu FSR had to be shortened by 200mm before it was fitted out as a tanker. Without that modification the truck would have stuck out the front and the doors could not close. The increased size of trucks also led to a lack of access space inside. The trucks were parked so close together

that one almost had to walk sideways between them, also one of the trucks had to be driven outside so that female brigade members could get to their toilet.

Rohan Thornton spoke of the other improvements relocation of the brigade will bring.

"Now we are here we will be getting the trucks out of the station two minutes faster than we had at the (previous) site. For those who have had the misfortune of requiring our service, those two minutes are an eternity.

"Our other vision was to give the North Warrandyte community a hub—sharing (this central position) with the community centre and Yarra Warra kindergarten. The kindergarten has given us a focus that we've never had. Someone said to me not long ago 'for the first time in 57 years the community in North Warrandyte gets to see its fire brigade and it is no longer tucked away in a back street somewhere'.

"To volunteer is a part of our culture. Some say it is a vanishing ethic. I certainly disagree. The commitment of the men and women of North Warrandyte brigade, past and present, who have often put them-

selves in harm's way simply leaves me with a sense of awe. I'm proud to be a part of them and proud to be their leader," he told the audience.

He closed his address with an emotional acknowledgement.

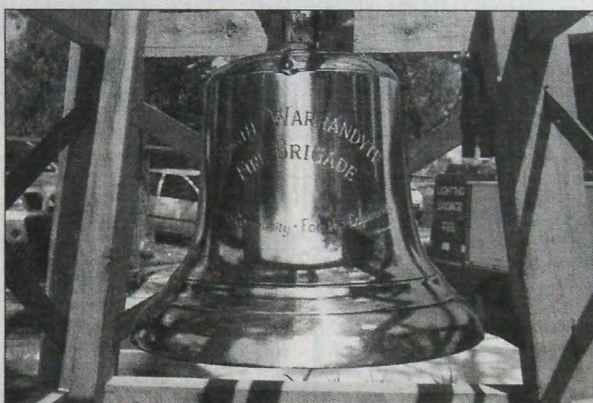
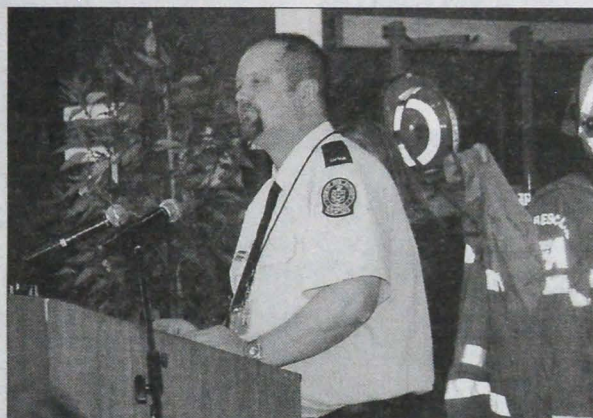
"Finally I'd like to thank my own family for what I've put them through in the past 18 months. They deserve a Victoria Cross."

The brigade made awards to people who helped in working towards the new fire station.

They were: former Nillumbik councillor Bob Stubbings; Pat and John Anderson who raised in excess of \$26,000 for the new fire station by twice opening their garden to the public; Barb Anderson who lives across the road from the old fire station on Glynn's Road; and Lex de Man, regional manager of CFA District 13, who championed the project through its protracted course.

CFA honorary life memberships and service awards were also presented to brigade members.

At the close of official proceedings the visitors inspected the new facility then moved to the community centre next door where the Salvation Army provided afternoon tea.



## Rain-soaked spring could bring summer danger

It seems strange to be issuing warnings about the coming fire season as spring rain dashes against the window, but CFA manager Jason Lawrence stated residents should be acting now to protect their homes and families against the scourge of bushfire.

"The recent rains have promoted growth in the forests and grasslands and this only needs a few days of warm weather to dry out and become fuel for fires," Mr Lawrence told the *Diary*.

He said that Eastern Metropolitan Region residents must act now and be properly prepared ahead of the coming bushfire season.

"CFA has welcomed almost \$1.4 billion in investment to address the threat of bushfires since the Black Saturday and Gippsland fires in 2009," he said. "These funds will

mean CFA is better equipped and resourced than ever before to protect the community from the threat of bushfires and structural fires.

"However, people cannot be complacent. It is the responsibility of individuals to make sure they have a bushfire survival plan and that they prepare themselves and their property well ahead of the season.

"The safest option is to leave high risk bushfire areas early on fire risk days—the night before or early on Code Red days and early on Extreme days," Mr Lawrence said.

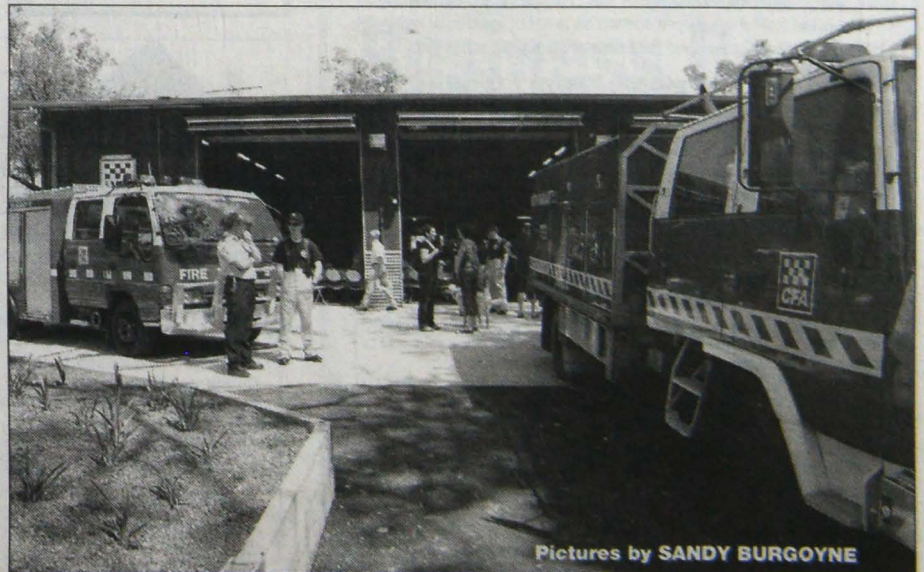
To assist people to prepare their properties for the fire season, Manningham council is offering residents in fire prone areas a free disposal service for such potential fire fuel as tree branches and garden waste.

"Residents in Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Wonga Park, Park Orchards and Donvale areas are eligible for free vouchers to dispose of green or dry clean wood and branches to a maximum of 100mm diameter," a council spokesperson said.

"Residents should check with council if they are unaware of the rules relating to tree pruning."

Garden waste can be taken to the Manningham Garden Waste Recycle Centre, corner of Black and Websters roads, Templestowe, with entry via the Websters Road entrance. (Melway 34/D2). The free service will continue until Sunday, December 12.

● Green Waste vouchers are available from council—9840 9333—or from your local fire brigade.



Pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE



## Primary kids make friendship lanterns

Kids at Warrandyte Primary School have been busy creating lanterns to carry in the "Wish Lantern Parade".

The parade will feature in Manningham's Multicultural Festival, to be held at Ruffey Lake Park on Saturday, November 13, between 11am and 5pm.

The hand-made lanterns have been inspired by cultures from Persia, China, Italy and Greece.

As well as Warrandyte, primary schools taking part include Carey Grammar, Templestowe Heights, Doncaster Gardens and St Kevin's.

"Nearly 200 local children are participating in the project," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*. "The outcome will be an amazing sea of colour, with beautiful hand-built lanterns representing the rich diversity of our community."

The lantern parade will take place at 3.30pm on the day of the festival and will meander around Ruffey Park Lake before making its way to the main stage, where children will read out some of the wishes placed in the lanterns.



Pictures by JAN TINDALE



**Free garden green waste drop-off for the 2010-2011 bushfire season**

To assist with preparing your property for the fire season, Council is providing residents with a number of options for disposing of garden green waste.

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## Candidates seek your support

### In their own words...

Just when we all thought it was safe to drive around our streets and not be assailed by how-to-vote posters, another election is imminent. Ryan, Danielle, Chris and the rest are smiling beguilingly at us from garden fences and trees and crossroads all over the district. Determined to give everyone a fair go, the *Diary* approached each candidate known to us before going to press and asked them to submit a 100-word message to the electors of Warrandyte and Yan Yean. Best of luck...

### YAN YEAN



**JACK GANGE**  
LIBERAL

I am standing in the seat of Yan Yean because it is clear that the Labor government has lost its way, with Victoria losing its way as a result. The problems we face can be fixed with a new direction for Victoria. The Liberals will fix the fundamentals in Victoria. We will spend taxpayer money on improving public transport, putting more police on the streets, cutting hospital waiting lists, improving education standards and making the community safer. I will fight to ensure that local council maintains council property and will strongly support measures which mitigate the effects of bushfires.



**KARIN GERADTS**  
GREENS

We live at a crucial time in history. Solutions exist that would greatly decrease the suffering of our fellow humans and we have the technologies to reduce and repair much of the ecological damage to the planet. Yet, worldwide, governments lack the political will to make the necessary adjustments. The Greens have evolved in this climate to show a new way forward—to move towards a compassionate and ecologically sustainable path. Locally, this means protection of our Green Wedge and removal of the destructive 10/30 clearing rule, open and accountable planning processes and massive investment in public transport.



**DANIELLE GREEN**  
LABOR

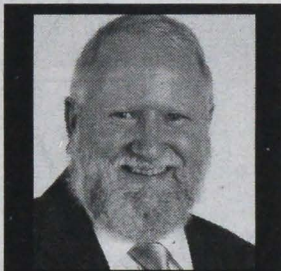
Danielle Green and Labor are committed to protecting Warrandyte's beautiful environment while investing in vital services and securing jobs for local families. Local jobs mean less travel and more time with family and community. For those who work in the city, Labor has invested in public transport, including the DART and Smartbus, rail improvements on the Hurstbridge Line, including new train stabling at Eltham Station to deliver more services. Only Labor will protect the Green Wedge from inappropriate development and the Liberal Party's anti-Green Wedge policies. We are protecting the local environment through returning environmental flows to the Yarra and building a new fire station at North Warrandyte.

### WARRANDYTE



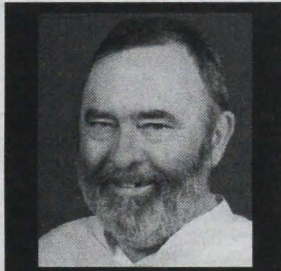
**MEGHAN HOPPER**  
LABOR

Meghan Hopper has spent her entire life living in Melbourne's suburbs and is excited to be representing the Australian Labor Party as their candidate for Warrandyte. Only a re-elected Brumby Government can tackle the key issues of education, the environment, bushfire recovery and balancing our growing outer-suburban populations and Meghan is looking forward to working with the people of Warrandyte to represent these issues. Meghan is currently undertaking graduate research at Monash University. She is involved in various community organisations, having volunteered with the Smith Family through their Learning for Life program as well as on bushfire recovery programs. She has previously worked in marketing and communications.



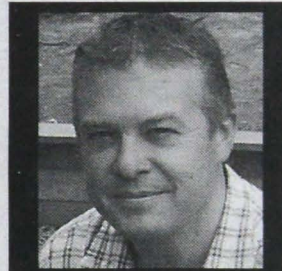
**CHRIS PADGHAM**  
GREENS

I have lived in Warrandyte all my life. As well as running a small IT consulting business, I am involved in the community and have worked as a volunteer with Red Cross, Men's Referral Service and Yarra Ranges Youth Services. Vote for the Greens to build sustainable foundations to preserve our unique environment for future generations. To achieve this, I will work to improve public transport in Warrandyte, protect the Green Wedge, State Park and the Yarra. I will introduce a water efficiency program for every house, support bushfire management and fire safety initiatives to protect Warrandyte residents.



**PAUL SLATTERY**  
INDEPENDENT

If elected as the independent candidate for Warrandyte district, I will fight for transparency, advocate for the district's unique set of needs and represent your requests and concerns to those responsible. As a well-known community activist I plan to achieve positive outcomes in areas such as local government reform, reducing household costs associated with energy, transport and council rates and making all public servants accountable for their deliveries. As your elected candidate I will always be available to you via regular district meetings and one-on-one contact by correspondence. Vote 1 Paul Slattery. Phone 9812 2029.



**RYAN SMITH**  
LIBERAL

Warrandyte is a place that prides itself on its sense of community. It is a place where people communicate with each other, band together to fight for local causes and work together for the benefit of their neighbours and friends. It is for those reasons that, for many in the Warrandyte community, local representation goes beyond party politics. Representation for Warrandyte means someone who can be approached, someone who will stand and speak for local residents and someone who takes the time to make the necessary relationships across the broader community. I take the responsibilities of fulfilling these roles very seriously, and I look forward to the opportunity of continuing to represent the Warrandyte community into the future.

## Fun-filled start for hall fund

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association is launching a \$25,000 fundraising campaign to support future repairs and maintenance to the Mechanics Institute Hall.

"Not everyone in Warrandyte realises that the beautiful old Mechanics Institute Hall—on the corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue—belongs in trust to the people of our village," a WMI&AA spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"In a fast-changing world of glass and concrete this reminder of a more graceful yesteryear is a reassuring sight whenever you cruise down Yarra Street past Mitchell Avenue."

The hall is used every day of the week by various regular hirers and the four major groups which form WMI&AA: painting, pottery, craft and the Warrandyte

Theatre Company.

The 75 year-old hall, a heritage-listed building, is managed by an elected volunteer committee, and has had its fair share of renovation works carried out over the last 20 years.

These works have included re-stumping the floors, a new roof, new internal walls and ceilings, electrical upgrades and a memorial garden and landscaping.

"Recently, thanks to the Warrandyte Community Bank, a new foyer and toilets, a rainwater tank and a rear deck were added," the spokesperson said.

"However, as with all older timber and stone buildings under regular use, the venerable old hall and nearby pottery studio always need regular maintenance and expenditure to keep them safe and useable."

The pottery studio, which was once Warrandyte's CFA fire station, requires a new toilet room and air conditioner.

The Mechanics Hall is also waiting for various repairs and upgrades such as hand-rails, verandah posts and kitchen re-flooring.

"Therefore, in fine Warrandyte tradition, a hall building fund has been set up with a target of \$25,000 during the rest of 2010 and 2011," the spokesperson said.

"First event, kicking off a number of fundraising activities, will be a 'Follies cabaret style' entertainment night on Saturday, November 27 at 8pm (BYO food and drinks)."

● As seating is limited to 120 people, why not book a fun table of 12 of your family and friends? Tickets are \$25 each—bookings on 0488 333 575.

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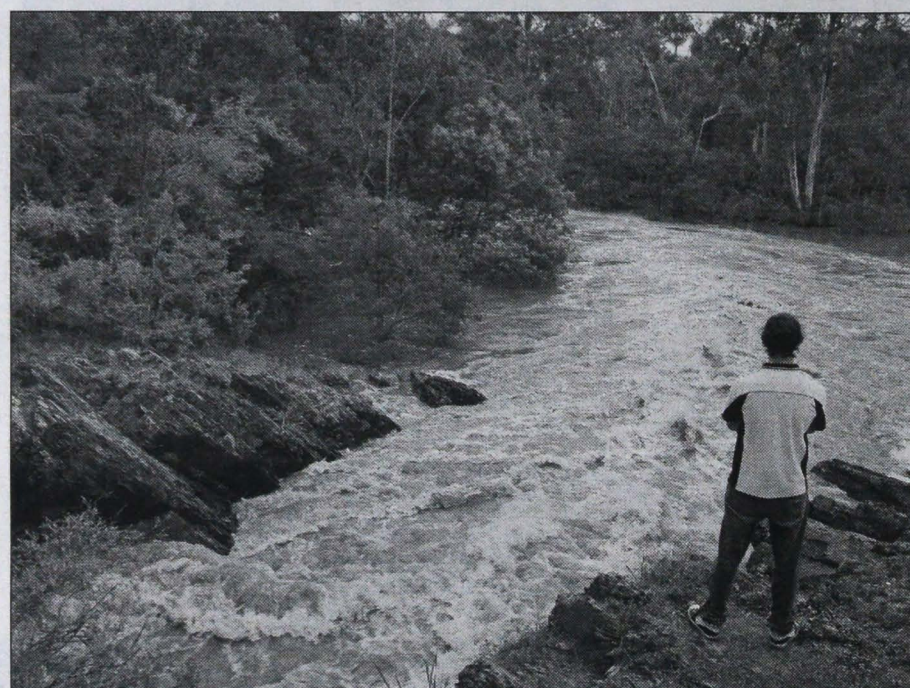
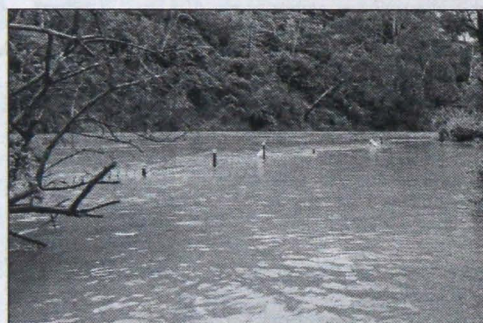
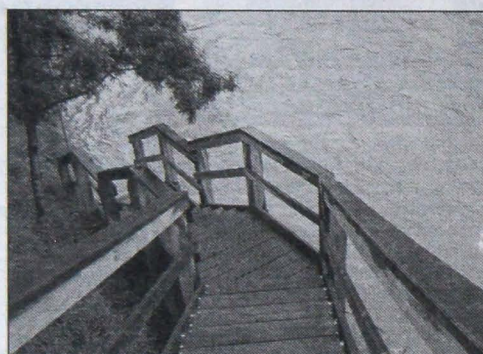
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## Big wet hits Warrandyte

And it rained, and it rained, and it rained... Over all the Yarra River catchments, into all the paddocks, valleys, gullies and creeks from here to the mountains. Then the whole lot came rushing through Warrandyte. Everyone was out taking pictures—including STEPHEN REYNOLDS—who shot these for the *Diary*.



# Extra Yarra water welcomed. However...

Warrandyte resident, Yarra Riverkeeper Ian Penrose has welcomed the recent announcement that the state government is returning environmental water to the river. "Following announcements earlier this year to return some water, the government has at long last honoured its promise, made four years ago, to provide the Yarra with needed environmental flows," Mr Penrose told the *Diary*. "In 2005 a government-sponsored scientific study found

that the health of the Yarra and the plants and animals it supports were suffering from poor river flows because Melbourne sources most of its water from the Yarra catchment," Mr Penrose said. The study showed, firstly, that the river was receiving 60 per cent of the natural run-off (the rest taken for water supply) and secondly, that the altered pattern of flows was damaging the river's health. To tackle the unhealthy flow pattern, the study recom-

mended minimum passing flows plus an environment entitlement (of 17 billion litres per year) for release to simulate, for example a "fresh" in a dry summer. The scientists stated that these were minimum requirements for a healthy river. Mr Penrose stated: "Prior to the 2006 state election, the government announced with much fanfare that the Yarra would get these environmental flows. But a year later it deferred them and

lowered the minimum flows by another 20 billion litres per year, resulting in a total loss of 37 billion litres annually to the ailing Yarra. "The Yarra Riverkeeper Association objected strongly to these decisions and the threat they posed to the river's health, and has campaigned vigorously ever since for the promised and needed environmental flows. "This recent announcement is unquestionably good news", Mr Penrose said, "but

they amount to only a few per cent of the river's natural flow, and the amount of water being taken from the Yarra is still of grave concern. "In each of the last three years—2007 to 2009—excessive water extraction has left the river with only 30 per cent of the natural run-off—the lowest on record—and only half the 60 per cent share used as a basis for the 2005 study. "Our Yarra has shrunk drastically," Mr Penrose said. "It has been hit doubly hard; by

the dry decade and by the disproportionate amount of water extracted from it. "Melbourne must reduce its over-exploitation of the Yarra and aim to source most of its water supply from recycling and capturing urban storm-water. "In that way, the Yarra can retain 60 per cent of its natural run-off. "Anything less is inconsistent with the true meaning of living sustainably," Mr Penrose said.

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# Green Wedge plan

## On Luck issue 'inaction' disappoints

Local residents will be keen to examine Manningham council's Green Wedge action plan now on public exhibition. Council is seeking comments from the community.

"Manningham's Green Wedge is one of 12 Green Wedges around Melbourne," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*. "It is a valued area where remnant vegetation is protected to provide habitat for rare flora and fauna."

The area also provides an alternative lifestyle choice and offers an attractive destination for visitors, tourists and recreation users.

Warrandyte resident councillor David Ellis, supporting the plan in council, referred to the On Luck Nursing Home issue, warning that the future of the Green Wedge was "likely to be determined less by action than inaction".

Preparation of the draft action plan included a review of council's Green Wedge strategy, formulated in 2004.

Included in the plan are strategies to protect biodiversity, address problems with pest plants and animals and implement vegetation controls, integrated fire management and water conservation, as well as strategies to assist compatible businesses and sustainable framing practice.

Regarding the On Luck issue, Cr Ellis made clear he was referring to the failure by council, by a narrow majority earlier this year, to support

its own planning scheme with relation to the nursing home on Green Wedge land in Tindals Road.

On Luck, which is planning a 200 per cent expansion, was controversially granted exemption by state planning minister Justine Maddern from the requirement to have a planning permit, including exemption from Green Wedge planning restrictions concerning such developments.

Immediately following the vote on the action plan, council considered their response to the On Luck plans, as submitted to the minister and the state planning department.

"Control of the development has now been removed from council by Minister Maddern, including council's authority to apply the Green Wedge restrictions," Cr Ellis told the *Diary*.

However, council officers outlined their concerns about the plan, including siting, size and scale of the planned building, referring to it as an "overdevelopment" with "highly visible roof plants, substantially reduced buffer landscaping and steep embankments".

Council voted to inform the minister of these concerns.

"Even though council has been denied control of the development, it has a duty to advise the minister of what its officers see as problems with the plan," Cr Ellis said.

● The draft Green Wedge action plan is now on public exhibition until Friday, December 10, at council offices, libraries and the Warrandyte Community Centre, and online at [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/greenwedge](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/greenwedge).

# Tower generates heat

By MICHELLE PINI

Warrandyte residents gathered last month to protest against the planned erection of a mobile phone tower at Warrandyte Reserve.

Although plans to install the tower were approved by Manningham council in April, protestors are preparing to mount a publicity campaign and legal challenge in VCAT against Optus and Vodafone.

Key speakers summarised community objections and included presentations on the visual intrusion, possible health implications and the technical aspects of mobile and internet technology.

It was explained that the community was not opposed to communication towers, only towers in this particular location, which was chosen without community consultation and despite 1200 objections.

North Warrandyte CFA captain Rohan Thornton told the meeting the planned tower would lack impact in an emergency situation, as all Triple-0 calls are fielded through the existing Telstra network, regardless of carrier.

"This is the emergency system and it won't be affected by any additional towers or carriers", he said.

"The CFA urges all Warrandyte residents to do one of two things in the event of a bushfire: leave early or stay and defend." He went on to explain that hanging around the oval to phone people did not factor into any advice from the CFA.

Peter Curry gave a compre-



It's a worry: community meeting plans trouble for tower. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

hensive presentation on the visual intrusion, contrasting the ugliness of the tower with the care and planning that has gone into other developments for Warrandyte, such as the bus shelters and signage and redevelopment of the Harris Gully Road intersection, all of which are integrated into the natural environment.

Maydeena Jameson spoke about her third generation experience in Warrandyte. She said, "I just can't imagine living anywhere else. We have a responsibility to ensure we maintain Warrandyte for our grandchildren."

Mark Blaser covered technical aspects, stating: "I am certainly not against technol-

ogy—I make a living from it. (But) this site, where our young children spend a lot of time, is possibly the most community sensitive and therefore inappropriate location in Warrandyte."

"It flies in the face of the Australian Communication and Media Authority's code of practice recommendation to avoid such locations."

It emerged during discussion that more than 100 groups around Australia are fighting similar installations at the present time.

Local state MP Ryan Smith, who was unable to attend the meeting, sent word that he had written to Vodafone advising them of the negative im-

pact this tower was having on their brand in Warrandyte.

It was stated during the meeting, that in a suburb with as much open space as Warrandyte, it is possible for Vodafone to take community concerns into account and emulate Telstra's existing model, which currently provides coverage from towers in more appropriate locations.

The meeting was reminded of the success of a similar battle against a proposed mobile phone tower in 2002, illustrating Warrandyte's "legendary community spirit".

An appeal was made for volunteers to help prepare the VCAT challenge, set for March 2011.

# Happy birthday, Probus: club seeks new members

As the Probus Club of Warrandyte and Park Orchards celebrates its 21st birthday, a call has gone out for new members.

"This is both a happy and a sad occasion," a club spokesperson told the *Diary*. "Happy because it's an occasion to celebrate with old friends, sad because it reminds us we are all ageing, numbers are falling and our group is now only 40 strong."

The club meets monthly at the Senior Citizens' club-

rooms in Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte, "usually on the first Monday in the month".

Most meetings involve a speaker, often an "outsider", sometimes a member.

"With the ageing process, outings have declined," the spokesperson said. "We have had trips to Broken Hill, New Zealand and Norfolk Island, to name a few."

Some members of the group walk along the Yarra on the "non-meeting" Monday mornings, finishing up at The Bakery for welcome

refreshments and a chat "to fix the world's problems".

"We're looking for new and younger blood," the spokesperson said. Obligations are few: a small subscription and meetings should be attended if possible. The group aims to create new friendships and expand the interest of members.

● More information from president Bruce Little (9876 0356) or secretary Ray Spargo (9844 3345). Your call will be welcomed.

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## Primary school kids shine at schools spectacular

Last month, 20 children from Warrandyte Primary School strutted the stage at the "Shine On 2010: Victorian State Schools Spectacular" at Hisense Arena. Pictured are Jake and Lily, who took part. "There were 40 choreographed dancing and singing numbers and our kids did a wonderful job,"

teacher Gaby Chitiz told the *Diary*. "We were extremely proud of them and were so happy that they were representing our school." Teacher Lea Price and assistant principal Sue Dyos "put in a tremendous amount of time making this a brilliant experience for the children," Ms Chitiz said.

## Tree loppers

Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch reports that a commercial tree-logging group active in our area is under scrutiny by Manningham council and Victoria Police.

They pressure residents, advising them that particular trees are dangerous or a fire danger and need to be cut down to avoid trouble with neighbours, council or authorities.

As Manningham residents are required to have a permit before removing trees, you should check with council before allowing any work on your property.

"As you are the property owner or occupier, you are the one potentially accountable for illegal vegetation removal, not the tree loppers," a Neighbourhood Watch spokesperson told the *Diary*. "So be prudent and ask for official advice before accepting the word of door-to-door salespeople."

## Hero's day

Is there someone in your group, organisation or neighbourhood who deserves special recognition? Nillumbik council is inviting nominations for the 2011 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards.

Council is inviting the community to nominate people who have made an extraordinary effort or achieved something outstanding this year.

"There are exceptional people in our community achieving extraordinary things every day," mayor Cr Ken King said. "These people usually believe they are quite ordinary, when in fact they are quite the opposite."

Residents can nominate candidates for Nillumbik Young Citizen of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Further information from Tracey Classon on 9433 3178 or Tracey.Classon@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

# Talk the walk

We're very active pedestrians in this area. Research has found that walking is the preferred recreational activity for 54 per cent of Manningham residents recently surveyed.

In Victoria, 33 per cent preferred walking, and nationwide the figure was 34 per cent.

Council is launching the Manningham Recreation Strategy, aiming to promote and enhance sport and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

To mark the launch of the strategy, everyone is invited to describe their favourite walk—anywhere in Manningham—and enter a competition for a shoe voucher valued at \$200, plus an iPod nano 8GB.

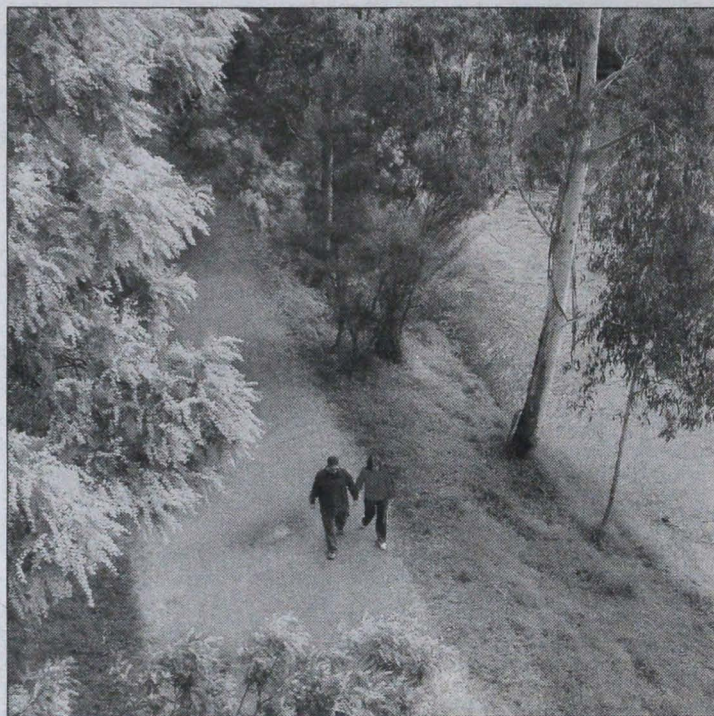
Second prize is lunch for two and free admission to the Heide Museum of Modern Art in Bulleen, valued at \$114.

The walk can be short or long, to a café, or along the river, a council spokesperson told the *Diary*. "We want to know what makes it so enjoyable."


"To enter the Walk for Life competition, simply visit the competition link on the council website and tell us about your favourite Manningham walk, in 500 words or less."

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# Market at the Park

## out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

The inaugural Park Orchards Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, November 20 at the rear of the shops, corner Park and Hopetoun Roads, Park Orchards. This is an initiative of the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association who hope to bring a wide variety of local produce direct from the grower to the community. The market will then be held on the third Saturday of every month. Local farmers, market gardeners and producers are invited to book a stall. Visitors are also invited to submit recipes to "The Community Melting Pot Book" competition. For further information call 0423 670 773 or 0409 417 369 or email admin@pora.org.au.

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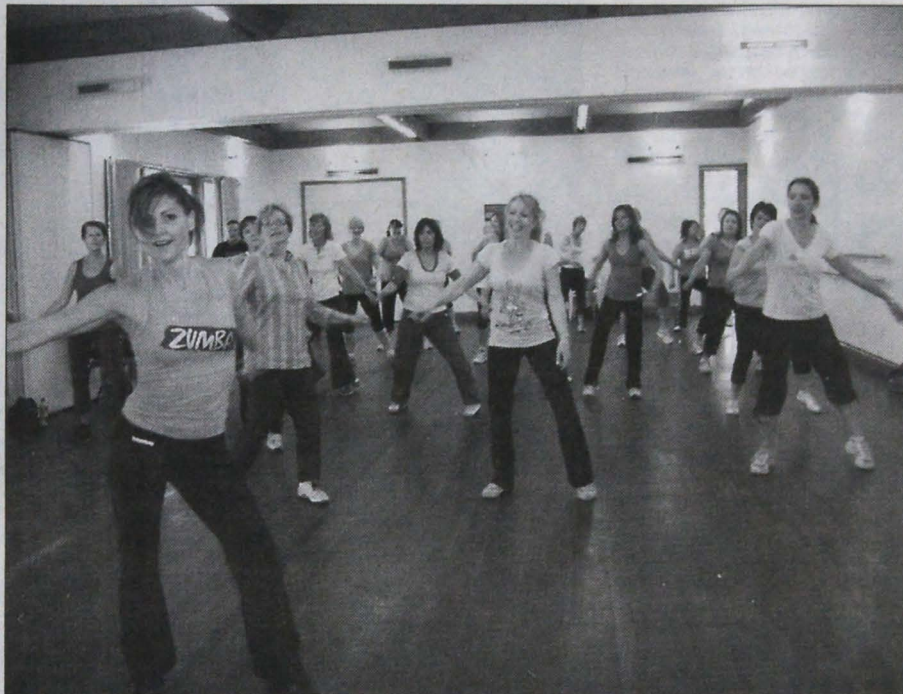
The annual general meeting of Warrandyte Community Financial Services Pty Ltd (Bendigo Bank) will be held at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall, corner Mitchell Avenue and Yarra Streets in Warrandyte on Wednesday, November 17 at 7pm.

## Orienteering

Twilight park and street orienteering is on again. The Wednesday and Thursday evening series include many events close to Warrandyte. This form of orienteering starts in a suburban park and traverses local streets, lanes, parklands and reserves. Sections are available for runners at all fitness levels with a special event for walkers. All events start at 7pm and finish by 8.05pm. Further information from Geoff Hudson on 9888 8121 or <http://street.orienteering.com.au>.

## Dedication

Warrandyte Tennis Club is holding a social evening on Saturday, November 20, making a special tribute to late life member and past president, Mark Bence. The clubroom bar will be dedicated in his honour. The club's other life members will also be recognised on the night. The evening will commence at 7.30pm at the clubrooms in Tarroona Avenue. All past members and friends are welcome to attend. Bookings are essential



**Zumba fights cancer** Late last month, women in the local Zumba class at Warrandyte Community Centre (pictured) shook and shimied the morning away, raising money for the battle against breast cancer. Their \$10 class fees were donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, raising more than \$300.

for catering purposes. Please call Judy (9844 2096), Jeanette (9844 0619) or Neil (0419 001 395) by November 13 if you wish to attend.

## Stalls

Park Orchards Primary School will hold a "Twilight Market" fundraiser on Friday, November 12 from 6pm to 9pm at a cost of \$25 per stall. For bookings and enquiries call Sandra on 9876 5554 or email [sandra.peter@bigpond.com](mailto:sandra.peter@bigpond.com).

## Launch

Local resident Stephen Clendinnen will launch his book and photo exhibition at 6.30pm on Friday, November 19 at Lentil as Anything, The Convent, 1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford. His book "Oblivion" includes 56 poems by Stephen and will be for sale at \$15 per copy. For further information please call 9844 3454.

## Sale

The North Warrandyte Fire Brigade is holding a sale of decommissioned equipment on Saturday, November 20 from 10am at the old fire station in Glynn's Road. Items for sale

include chain saws, pumps, a 5KVA generator, hose washer and many other articles. Money raised will go towards new equipment. Phone Daniel Wallis for further information on 0410 533 860.

## Performers

Some of the country's finest cultural performers will take centre stage as part of the Manningham Multicultural Festival at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster on Saturday, November 13. Feature acts are Bollywood Funk ensemble "Bombay Royale", the Chinese Performing Arts Group, Manasis Greek Dance Group, Indigenous Dance Group "Jindi Worrbak" and indigenous guitarist and singer Peter Rotumah, and headlining cultural fusion act "InterACT".

## Seminar

The next Manningham City Council Environment seminar will cover the topic "Habitat Gardens". It will be conducted by Jim Robinson from Greening Australia and will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at the Currawong Bush Park in Reynolds Road, East Doncaster (Mel 34 H6) commencing at 7.30pm.

## Peace

Warrandyte Lions Club and Riverflow Peace will present a display of children's peace posters on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14 from 1pm to 4pm at the Warrandyte Uniting Church in Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte. Afternoon tea will be available.

## artyfacts

## Stonehouse

Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte will host the Holmesglen TAFE ceramic graduating students' final exhibition from November 14 to 28. Also on show in November will be "Windows on Christmas", with a unique display of local and Australian made works.

## Open

Diary cartoonists Syd Tunn and Ona Henderson will open their studio, corner of Henley and Oxley roads, Bend of Islands on November 20, 21, 27 and 28 from 12 noon to 5pm. Paintings, drawings, prints and art cards will be on display.

## Studios

A number of artists will open their studios between November 4 and 28 as part of the Nillumbik Open Studios program. These include Peter Oyston, Kaya Storm, Veronica Holland and Jane Annois. Further information from [www.artistsopenstudios.com.au](http://www.artistsopenstudios.com.au).

## Manningham

Two exhibitions will take place at the Manningham Gallery during November. The first, "Textile Arts" from November 3 to 13, showcases work by textile art students from Box Hill Institute's Centre for Creative Industries. The second, from November 16 to 20, combines ceramics, fashion and interior design by students from the interior design course. The gallery, at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster is open Tuesday to Friday from 11am to 5pm and Saturday from 2pm to 5pm.

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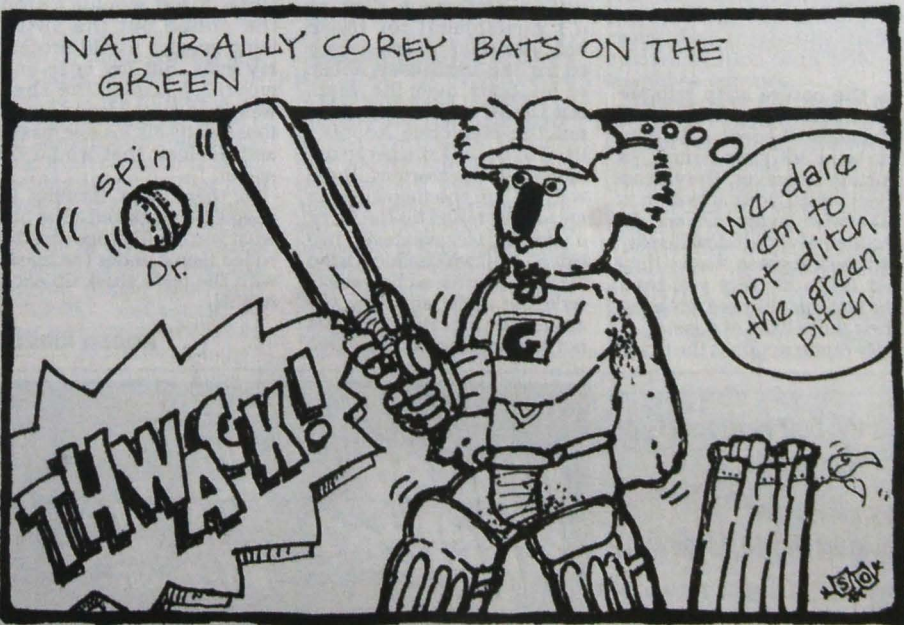
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If you would like to receive a copy of the Draft Action Plan, please call Council on 9840 9124 or email [eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au).

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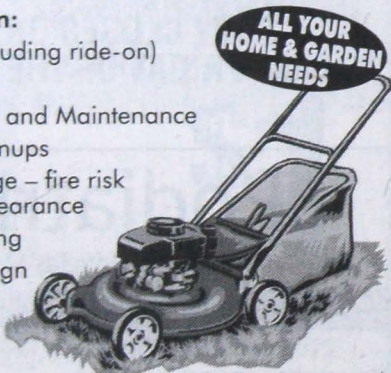
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**Spring: nature's revenge for a misspent youth**

**I** SUPPOSE all seasons have their good and bad aspects; summer with sunburn but the joys of outdoor living, autumn with the beauty of changing leaf colours but also the need to replace last year's broken heater. Winter brings tribal sports and snugly fires but also astronomical power bills. Spring arrives with warming days and technicolour gardens but at a cost; with pollen and the inevitable hayfever.

Now along with all the other things that you either didn't have or have forgotten about, I don't remember suffering from hayfever as a kid. We spent all spring, summer and autumn climbing fruit trees, crawling on our stomachs through battleground fields of long seeded grass, retrieving stray balls from the mum's flower beds and using spiky grass seeds as blowpipe darts. Not once do I remember sniffing or having to stop because my eyes were bugged up with congestion. The eye congestion I do remember was only in winter when, as a result of the freezing cold bedroom, I used to wake up each winter morning with my eyes gugged together.

"Just wash them!" I was advised. So I did and that was that.

Nowadays, however, it's a different ball game. At the first sign of buds appearing on deciduous trees I begin to develop a sense of foreboding. I start body-monitoring; inevitable as you grow older. I eyeball the plane tree



**"We spent all spring, summer and autumn climbing fruit trees, crawling on our stomachs through battleground fields of long seeded grass..."**

on the nature strip outside our house. Plane trees have grenades of seeds that they harbour all year round. In spring, however, they drop them whilst your attention is otherwise involved in watching their Myer window display of the new green leaves they put on to distract you from the fact that they are releasing their fluffy balls of misery. My first reaction is the tickle

in the back of the throat. This is then followed by a series of short coughs, immediately followed by a hacking cough, then the retching starts. The body is a marvellous mechanism and has long ago worked out that if something alien enters it then it had better find a way of getting rid of it.

As a result, we have the immune system, the hairs in our noses and ears and the retching reflex. Mine, it appears, is finely tuned and to explain fully what often happens when mine starts would require an 18+ rating for the *Diary* so, suffice it to say that my body's defence mechanism works well. Retching, however, isn't the best way to go through spring so I have had to come up with more socially acceptable and more personally relaxing alternatives.

At the first attack of gagging, I head off to the chemist for my supply of antihistamines. Fortunately, you only need one per day so it's just an easy addition to the morning's array of medication. Perhaps it's punishment for those halcyon days of my youth or for the unrealised abuse of my body over the years but I have to admit that I'm not the invincible Adonis I used to be. As I stagger to the kitchen in the morning, there waiting, are the following: an anti-acidic tablet for the ulcer, a vitamin D for whatever, two fish oil and two Panadol Osteo for my arthritis, a cholesterol reducing tablet and now, the antihistamine. But spring is not so easily fooled. "Pah! One

tablet! You've gotta try harder than that!" she seems to say.

The shiny leaf or Coprosma plant is hardy and invasive for a reason. Just knock the branch of one this time of year and you will be enveloped in a cloud of micro-fine pollen dust, which is a pity because I had no choice but to prune one the other day.

I'd had my tablet that morning and thought I would be fine but as soon as I disturbed the first branch and the cloud erupted I felt that ominous tickle in the back of my throat. After the coughing and retching and the stinging that was beginning to develop around the rims of my eyes, I decided I would need more effective protection. I looked at the directions on the hayfever packet and found I could have another that day but decided that it would take too long for the antihistamine to kick in so other mechanical means would have to be used.

I hunted around the house to find something that might work. A hat wouldn't stop the pollen but the swimming goggles would protect my eyes. But my nose and mouth? A trip to the shed was productive. I found one of those white disposable masks and decided that would be useful.

So, there I was, pruning, in goggles, a mask and a hat but what you couldn't see was the rolled tissue under the mask, with the ends stuck up each nostril.

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# A spring-flowering hillside

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By JOAN BROADBERRY

**S**PRING 2010 has brought Melbourne one of its best wildflower seasons ever. A series of soaking rain events has provided the moisture needed to awaken the seedbank that survives for many years in the soil. I have become quite frenetic, attempting to visit as many of my favourite local wildflower spots as possible. Delightful floral displays are not just to be seen in our parks and reserves.

Many roadsides and bush remnants in Warrandyte and surrounding districts are impersonating florist shops.

Because of cooler than expected temperatures, this remarkable season has developed its own twist. There seems to be an overlap between the flowers that bloom early and those that open up late. It is possible to find Early Nancies and Greenhood orchids among the normally later flowering Bluebells and Bulbine-lilies.

In mid-October I visited a much loved reserve, Professors Hill in North Warrandyte. Waxlip orchids were in full flower, some patches containing dozens of blooms. Contrasting with these pools of purple were the golden heads of Yam Daisies, Creamy Candles and white Milkmaids.

Professors Hill is a small, fenced flora reserve on the Warrandyte-Research Road. It was acquired in 1983 and is owned and managed by the Nillumbik council. It is a typical Warrandyte landscape: steep with thin, gravelly soil, supporting wiry eucalypts. Native grasses, including Wallaby Grass and Poa make up



Waxlip orchids at Professors Hill Reserve (Picture by Joan Broadberry)

the understory. These tussocks are essential to the hill's ecology. If they were to disappear Professors Hill Reserve would be open to erosion and weeds would quickly invade.

In 1974, over 200 species of indigenous plants, including 37 species of orchids, were recorded for Professors Hill by botanist David Cameron. The tiny five-hectare remnant displayed amazing plant biodiversity. At the time the list was compiled, this fragment of land in North Warrandyte

contained a richer orchid flora than some of the larger Victorian national parks. It is a very special botanical hotspot.

Professors Hill is also special to me. I have been visiting it off-and-on for nearly 20 years. Throughout the 1990s I spent many hours scrambling around with my camera learning to identify native plants, and quietly observing the lives of bush creatures.

Through decades of low rainfall and the effect of rabbits, Professors Hill Reserve

lost much of its middle storey of wattles and native shrubs. The hill is littered with their woody skeletons. Many of the orchids appeared to be gone. However, on my recent visit I was delighted to find a carpet of spring wildflowers almost as rich as when I first went there in 1991.

This is, no doubt, in response to our unexpected, wonderfully wet year. But the reserve also shows signs of being looked after. Rabbits seem to be under control. A layer of shrubs, for example, Dogwood and Pomaderris, is growing up to shade the smaller plants such as Sundews and Native Violets. Many of the paths are undergoing regeneration with finger orchids and lilies peeping up cheekily, even through long compacted soil.

On my morning wanderings I had noticed many conical holes in the soil and finally chanced upon an echidna frantically scurrying to dig itself into the scree. I sat down, tired from climbing the slopes, and watched it. As I relaxed I tuned into the repetitive call of an Olive-backed Oriole: *orree orree ol, orree orree ol*. Random thoughts drifted through my mind. How did Professors Hill get its name? Was there a professor? Memories of excursions here with field naturalist friends in years long gone. The many other equally bio-diverse hillsides in Warrandyte now lost. The people who struggle to protect all our local bushland reserves, despite development and drought.

The annual wildflower display is building to its crescendo. By the time you read this article, the bush will be filled with masses of sky-blue Pincushions and bright yellow Everlastings. A carnival of purple and gold, fit to celebrate an extraordinary year.

# They call them catastrophones

**I**DIDN'T want a new phone, but even the most treasured and cunningly repaired gadget eventually calls it quits. My beloved old phone was as dead as a dodo. I bid it a sad farewell and bought a replacement model on the way to work.

The new phone, with its dazzling large touch screen, looked wondrous. It was an instant disaster. I was in such a mess with it by the time I got off the train that it had locked up completely, and I had to put in an emergency call to Telstra when I got to work. Sensitive touch screens and train journeys clearly do not work well together.

Even on stable ground, how the blazes do you use your finger to scroll through a list without touching the screen? The instant you touch anything, even if you *think* about touching anything, that item is selected and sometimes even unwittingly dialled. Every fibre of my being strains to instruct this unbelievably annoying gadget that I want to SCROLL, not touch. My finger even practises little air-

scrolls en route to the screen. I'd scream at it if I thought it would help. I can't believe somebody actually designed this thing, much less manufactured it.

You can't take your eye off any inch of it. Why put sensitive buttons up and down the sides, right where your fingers need to hang on? How can you hold the thing steady without turning off the screen, or taking a photo of your left foot, or re-dialling the last person you (unwittingly) called? Worse still, even a tiny shake connects you to an internet site that there's no escape from. Another shake magically replaces the keypad with a rotated screen that displays pages of text the size of a bee's proverbial. You couldn't even read it with a microscope.

Meanwhile, some automatic voice (courtesy of Telstra) tells you to press button 5 to quit. Button 5? Jeez, that disappeared about three screens ago. Then because I've peered helplessly at it for three whole seconds, the blimmin' thing switches off. By the time I reinstate the screen display and attempt to re-awaken the

keypad, Ms Telstra is onto another topic. I've missed my cue and must start all over again. Aaaaarrgggh!

Unsurprisingly, I am not alone in my confusion and frustration. "Ding!" responded our daughter's new phone when I kindly wiped its fingerprint-covered screen with a clean tissue. "Welcome to the Wiping v. Touching Tutorial!" Last time I looked, the poor girl was still doing her darnedest to re-establish communication with a live telephone network.

"You're just not doing it properly!" admonishes my brother-in-law to his similarly stricken wife. Just the sort of unhelpful thing a bloke *would* say. He's clearly never used one of the blighters.

At lunch last week, my sister showed off her new phone by playing an audio recording she'd made of a certain person snoring. We all had a

good laugh then tucked into our salads. Halfway through the meal, my phone started chirruping. A message had arrived from my sister, whom all of us were prepared to swear had not recently touched her phone. Puzzled, I listened to the voicemail.

It was a lovely clear recording of our lunchtime conversation. A second message interrupted the first. "Ding!" Lunchtime Conversation Part II. Another "Ding!" Part III.

"Oi! Can't you turn that blimmin' thing off?" But her phone was well away on some secret mission of its own, and not responding to external stimuli. For all I know, it's still going.

I've reached an uneasy truce with my little monster, but the gamescore is way too close for comfort. Achievements on my part include (a) discovering that the instruction manual is about as devoid of necessary substance as a roll of sodden toilet paper, at the same time as (b) successfully staving off a total brain seizure.

Damn these newfangled timewasters! I want my old user-friendly phone back.

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# The night Warrandyte exploded!

By VAL POLLEY

FOR a child growing up in rural England in the mid 20th century, November meant Bonfire Night. Something to look forward to as the nights drew in and became darker and colder. A ceremonious, if sometimes, chaotic occasion whether the communal, farmer-built huge wigwam of cut timber topped with a Guy or smaller family sized fire in the veggie patch. These were the best. Usually celebrations commenced with sparklers then progressed to Roman Candles, Golden Rain and Catherine Wheels. Rockets invariably provided the grand finale and Bangers the percussion. Nourishment came after: soup, baked potatoes and gingerbread. There were occasional wet nights when children watched from windows to see adults light the blue touchpaper and wait anxiously to see if the firework fizzled ignominiously or performed magnificently. There were many times when the bottle supporting the rockets fell over leaving it to expire on the ground, the bangers didn't bang or the Catherine wheels failed to turn. But it didn't matter, it was all part of the evening's enjoyment. Those fireworks though were just pale forerunners of the dazzling pyrotechnics seen today.

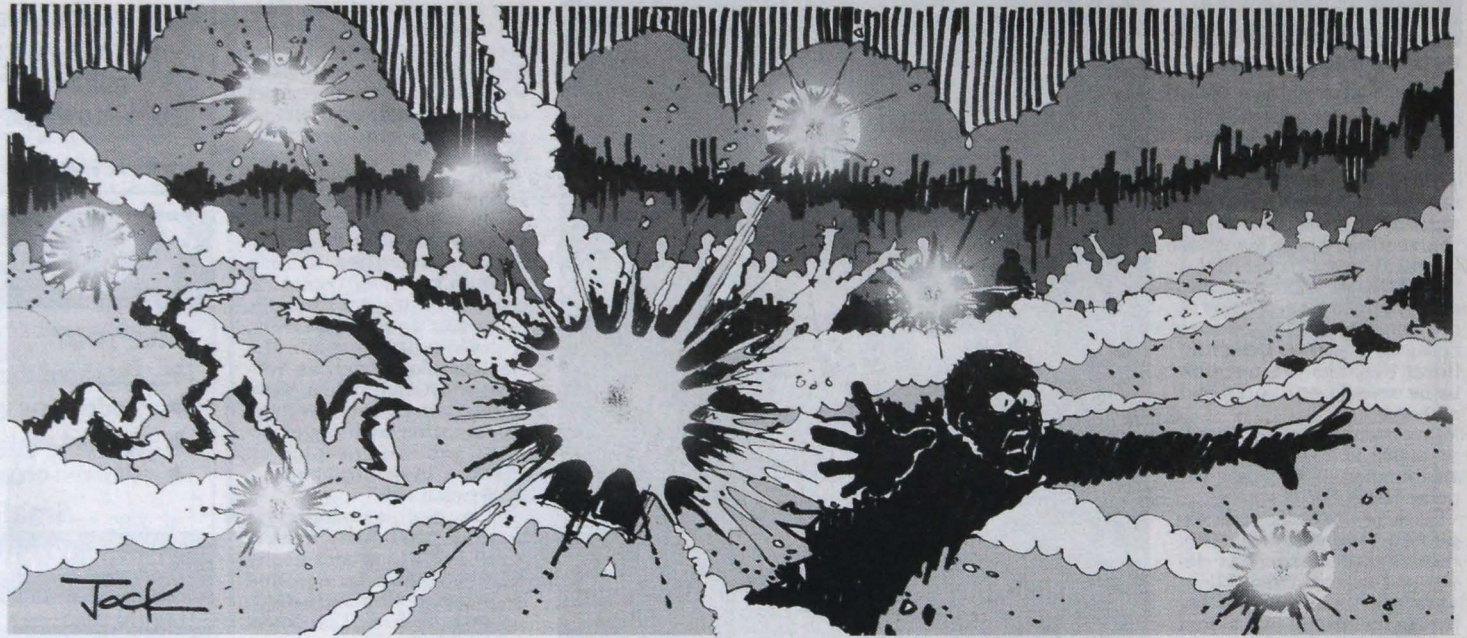
Remember remember the fifth of November,

Gunpowder, treason and plot...

Does anyone still remember the old rhyme and the significance of Bonfire Night? Bonfires were lit to celebrate the foiling of the Gunpowder Plot and effigies of Guy Fawkes burnt, and this tradition still continues in the UK today though perhaps its significance has gradually been forgotten.

And why indeed should the Gunpowder Plot be remembered now though back then on the November 5, 1605 it struck a profound chord for the people of England. Disenchanted Catholic conspirators including a certain Guy Fawkes plotted to kill the King by blowing up the Houses of Parliament in London with 36 barrels of gunpowder stored under the House of Lords.

But the plot failed when some of the plotters anonymously warned their friends. Guy Fawkes was



caught with the gunpowder and subsequently tried and executed. Today those plotters would be termed home-grown terrorists; though now they would escape the horrendous death sentence of being hung, drawn and quartered.

It is doubtful many in Australia today give November 5th a thought, though Bonfire Night was celebrated here until the early 1980s.

Then the sale and public use of fireworks was declared illegal (due to many injuries to people and animals) and the celebration effectively abolished. However Warrandyte had one of the most memorable bonfire nights in 1981, perhaps remembered for all the wrong reasons.

It had been decided to hold a grand bonfire night in November that year to mark a number of events. These were the imminent demolition of the old buildings and the forthcoming development of a community centre for the Getson site between Webb Street and Mitchell Avenue and the impending government decision to ban the sale of fireworks to the public.

It was to be a grand communal

bonfire night where residents were invited to bring along their fireworks. These would be combined and then set off by volunteers from a number of local organisations for the enjoyment of all.

The evening started well. Residents arrived with their children and donated their fireworks to be placed into bins on the back of a large truck. There was great anticipation with a huge bonfire, (courtesy of the State Electricity Commission's tree-clearing policy) waiting to be lit. The audience took their places on the bank along Webb Street in order to get the best views.

Volunteers from all the service clubs, the fire brigades, and state emergency service were ready and waiting. As Smokey Joe wrote in the December 1981 *Diary*: "No amateur fire-working allowed. All crackers had to be let off by the trusted, specially-trained officials on the truck".

At first it worked admirably with the requisite "oohs" and "ahhhs" as fireworks were lit and rockets launched. But then it all went terribly wrong. Smokey Joe again:

"All went well. Until one errant Catherine wheel broke loose from its mooring and went skittering across the truck, into an open rubbish bin—full of fireworks.

The fully trained safety, cracker-letter-offers watched, fascinated. Then they jumped. In all directions.

Then the fireworks started jumping. In all directions. Sky rockets zooming low, through the kids; Catherine wheels arching off into the darkness; golden rain falling over all."

It was an amazing sight cheered on by the onlookers until the firemen appeared and there was water everywhere. The evening was over as far as fireworks and bonfires went. The audience booed.

However there was more general hilarity once it was realised no injuries had been sustained and groups of parents and children gathered to laugh and relive the moment. And that was the end of bonfire nights as far as Warrandyte was concerned.

However not the end of fireworks, suddenly they seem to be part of every event, country wide and year

round. However these fireworks are no longer the fairly innocuous ones purchased in milk bars and shops across the country in times past. Now they are pyrotechnic marvels set off by specially licensed pyrotechnicians.

They are considerably more powerful and often contain dangerous chemicals and heavy metals. Most are made in Asia, often by women and children in less than safe working conditions.

Isn't it time to question their too frequent use? Shouldn't their impact both in manufacture and use on people, domestic animals, wildlife and the environment be considered? Must there be so many (often unmemorable) firework displays or should they be restricted to marking really important occasions? Given it is literally money going up in smoke, surely there must be other ways to mark the end of festivals, outdoor concerts, carol services and the like. There will be those of us who are either pro or anti fireworks and the debate should be held. The challenge to find an alternative acceptable to all is ours.

## A timely reminder that all politics are local



JOHN Doyle's *The Pig Iron People* is a political satire set in an Australian suburb on the eve of the 1996 federal election. Doyle is Ramping Roy Slaven of radio and TV fame.

It introduces a new generation of Australian stereotypes. These "neo aussies" are intoxicated not by Vic Bitter or the call of the bush, but by a simple cocktail. It is an easy recipe—four parts John Howard's certainties and one part Pauline Hanson's xenophobia.

There is no curtain to hide the carefully constructed set. It is an urban streetscape, inner-Sydney style. The local gaze settles on the shining S series Valiant parked upstage, nestled in between numbers 2 and 5 Liberal Street. The chrome gleams even in the half-light.

When the stage lights fade up, the car and the buildings come to life as one-by-one Janette (Lisa Upson) Jack (David Tynan) Rosie (Noelene Cooper), Claude (Bill Connolly) and Kurt (David Howell) expose their preoccupations and prejudice. We interpret these characters through their own words and deeds, and also through the eyes of ex-teacher Nick (David Sweeney), who, as the story begins, is moving into Number 2. Using song, expletives, wit, deprecation

theatre

By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

and quirky historic references, Doyle sketches these characters' behaviour and motives as self-serving and child-like. Their sense of nationhood is built on 19th century sentimentalism; their personalities, like pig iron, are rough hewn, immature. In their midst is an excitable fascism that could ignite at any time. Not a pretty picture, saved only by the blossoming romance between Nick and ex-soapie star April (Angeline Thompson).

If act one is about their behaviour, act two is about what makes pig iron people tick. Nick and April are now living together in number 2, and it is mostly before them, in their sitting room, that their neighbours reveal what lies at the core of their being. This does not take long: there is no complexity here. It seems pig iron people do not mature beyond a pre-pubescent state of emotional development because, well, because life deals such savage blows, they never actually resolve anything, they simply "move on". It sounds phoney, but is delivered in earnest.

This brings us to the biggest single dilemma facing director Caroline Shaw. Should

act two be played out as the scenes appear at face value—emotionally charged, self-revelatory moments? Or should they be portrayed as infantile attempts by 60+ adults, eager to blame their personal histories for their own arid inner life? Shaw errs in favour of the former, consequently the door is opened on a heart-rending second act and an opportunity for the actors to test their range.

Janette and Jack Howard's marriage is based upon mutual loathing. Their nights resonate with looped dialogue—"poof", she says; "shutup" is his reply. She wishes him dead and very nearly arranges it. Lisa plays the snooty, disillusioned Janette with just the right mix of resentment and resilience. David is at times larger than life, as he bathes in the glory of his naval days.

Rosie and Claude's marriage is based upon paternalism on the one hand, and a desperate loneliness on the other. When he loses control and smacks her in the face, the shock is as palpable as the blood on her nose. Noelene proves she's not only a rambunctious comedienne, as she sobs her way through a forlorn monologue.

David Howell is menace personified as he intimidates his neighbours and, in the end, incites a kind of hysteria in the face of John Howard's

gun buy-back scheme. David has that uncanny ability to establish his character in seconds, and tonight there is no ambiguity about the consequences of upsetting him or harming his barking dog.

Nick and April are both observers of the passing generation and emblematic of the new. Nick's role is arguably the most challenging. He is narrator, young neighbour, romantic lead and recovering psychotic. He is at his best in the second act, courting April and evolving as a writer. Angeline Thompson emotes both the naivety of the dreamy actress in act one and the earthed prospective wife in act two with an appropriate mix of ambiguity and intent.

And so in the end the audience is back where it began—or is it? Is that an added spring in the step of the boys ambling down Liberal Street, admiring the detail of the S series sedan? Is that a widened grin of self-vindication on the faces of the women who linger at the bar, having recently eschewed the likes of Liberal Street for this river valley? Even if they fail to dispel troublesome stereotypes, home-grown plays like *The Pig Iron People* provide a timely reminder that all politics are local, and that in the strength of communities like ours is rooted the health, prosperity and happiness of our children and their world.

# Pins and needles

## Volunteering in a remote indigenous community



By **KAREN THROSSEL**

*Because I have very little knowledge about indigenous Australia, and because I think it is important that all us invaders have at least a little, I signed up for a volunteer program called Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV). A month after I had completed my two-day cultural awareness training in Canberra I received an offer to do a two week project in Alpurululam—a remote community in the NT, three hours west of Mount Isa.*

*I was to teach the women in the community how to sew...*

I'M teaching them to make pin-cushions. When we were pinning the sides together, it was clear that many had never used pins before. Do they really need such things? But we had brought boxes of pins (and cottons, and tape measures and other vital items for sewing) so now they would need pin cushions. And after all, the pin cushions were only a prelude to the real thing—shoulder bags. Which of course everyone needs—even here, to put your fags and your money in (some of which you get from Centrelink for attending this class.) No phones—no signal out here, no car keys—they're girls, and their houses don't lock, and if they did you would need 15 odd keys.

Alpurululam is tiny—a collection of small fibro and tin houses, sprawled out in the red dirt. The 2006 stats said it had a population of 600

indigenous people with 13 non-indigenous, but it seemed a lot smaller to me. They are Alywarr people, who after a long struggle with the owners of Lake Nash station (where many originally worked as "station hands"—unpaid of course) they received freehold title to an excision of land from the station, which is 5 kilometres away.

But this is just the first step, even though we thought they would like to make a shoulder bag for themselves to start with, they're not into owning things, I'm told. That is a whitefella thing. Theirs is a communal culture. And sure enough, when they had finished their pin cushions, they all left them behind. There was one girl, Rhonda, who asked whether they could decorate them, put their mark on them, and most of them enjoyed that—cutting out pictures and sewing them on. Then they all left them neatly in a pile as they ambled out the door.

I shared a little house similar to all the rest, with another volunteer—Judy, who is an art teacher. She was going to teach the women techniques for embellishing their shoulder bags—screen printing, block printing and appliqué. Whilst being very basic, the house is comfortable, and Veronica, the Women's Officer, who organised the project, has set up the kitchen with everything we could need (even down to garlic crushers, and pepper grinders). However we have no front door lock, but we've been told we would be safe because the police station is across the road. The funny thing is that the police lock themselves in at night.

The other slightly unnerving thing is that we have no glass in our windows. We look through Perspex (like wearing glasses smeared with Vaseline) and bars. Apparently glass is very vulnerable when the cops confiscate illegal alcohol ("sneaky ones"). Windows are the first thing to go. Maybe this is why they lock themselves in!

The shoulder bags are eventually to sell—to set up a little business, establish self-reliance, build self-esteem at having a useable, even saleable skill. But predictably for me, this exercise has produced more questions than answers. What use will this skill be to them—at a time when all the sewing shops in the city are closing down, because no-one sews any more? Cheap clothes from Asia make it much more expensive to sew your own, and here they have a well stocked op-shop which keeps them in the brand name tee-shirts and long shorts, which they all wear like a uniform. I can't see the idea of making their own fashion items as a great incentive. Again, more whitefella baggage.

Though there are a couple of younger feisty ones—Shantelle and Jacinta—with blonde sections in their hair, who looked interested when I said I had brought patterns and could show them how to make their own clothes. But what am I introducing here? They live in shorts and tee shirts, presumably because of the op-shop which is plentifully stocked. Sensible, gender-neutral clothing, perfect for their lifestyle. What possible use would they have for pretty summer skirts and

dresses in the gay fabrics I was able to have donated from Spotlight for the project?

But maybe they'd like a change from the op-shop clothes, and they wouldn't mind dressing up occasionally. Who am I to say, "No this isn't for you, this is only for us?" Shouldn't we be able to at least give them the choice? Just because we have imposed the negative elements of our culture on them: alcohol and drugs, bad food, and resulting disease and dysfunction, does that mean we shouldn't offer them access to the positive things like good education, some creature comforts like radios, air-conditioners, freezers, and toys for kids that educate as well as delight and inspire?

After the shoulder bags, the next stage was curtains. Good straight sewing exercise, even if it is dead boring. And the curtains are for the Women's Centre/Training Room, and this should be good for their status in the community—something that is there permanently—that they made.

Veronica, who is funded by ISA Skills (a job creation program based in Mount Isa) was very selfless and committed to the notion that the women in the community get some attention as well as the specific skills we were teaching them. Her agenda was that time should be spent, and be seen to be spent, on the women. There is very little in the community for them and they mostly get roped into waiting on the boys.

But there seems to be good structure here. As well as the Women's Centre (where we did our stuff) there is an Aged Care Centre, and a

school which is across the road from our house.

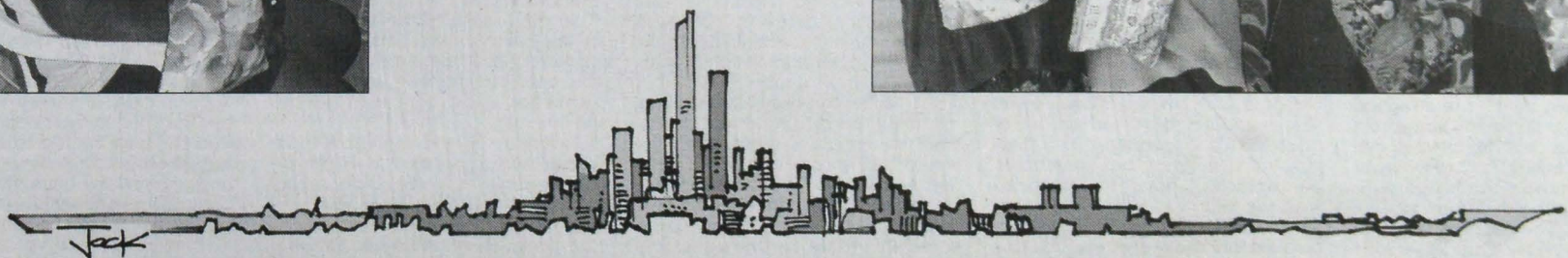
There is also the store where you can buy one sprig of broccoli (quite large) for \$4.50, and an op-shop. They are very proud of being the only remote community with an op-shop. It is currently stocked with a lot of clothes. They told me what they needed most was toys for small children.

So I am looking for donations of toys—from babies up to about five. No soft toys unless they are handmade. (We're celebrating sewing after all, and soft toys are two-bob a dozen, even up there). No toys that demand batteries, or that are inspired by TV programs. Just solid, brightly coloured things like blocks and balls and early construction toys.

(Sorry to be so prescriptive, but there are all these issues of cultural appropriateness.) They will be having a market soon, where they will be selling the toys as well as their shoulder bags, decorated with their own artwork.

More money into the community and definitely a bit of status for the women. So yes, even with all the questions, I think it was a successful project, and even though I have just started in terms of my understanding of the complex issues involved, it was definitely a great learning experience for me too.

● Donations of toys, or money for postage, would be most appreciated. Please bring them to the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House at the Community Centre. Phone 9844 1839. Enquiries about Indigenous Volunteers Victoria: [www.icv.com.au](http://www.icv.com.au).



## Thinking about country

Friday night—Standard Hotel Fitzroy  
Politics, poetry and a few reds  
Cafés buzz, cars creep  
Asphalt gloats, lights glare

Old houses rub shoulders  
In skinny back streets  
Bright street sculpture laughs at  
Hipsters in Melbourne black

Pace fast and punchy  
Play fast, drink fast, never-enough-time  
And always the i machines  
Ears, fingers, busy, busy

Whitefella country

*Dawn drive—drunks and lights still going.  
Breakfast Brisbane, lunch Mt Isa  
Each airport warmer—growing sea of  
shorts and thongs  
Car, plane, plane, ute*

New World

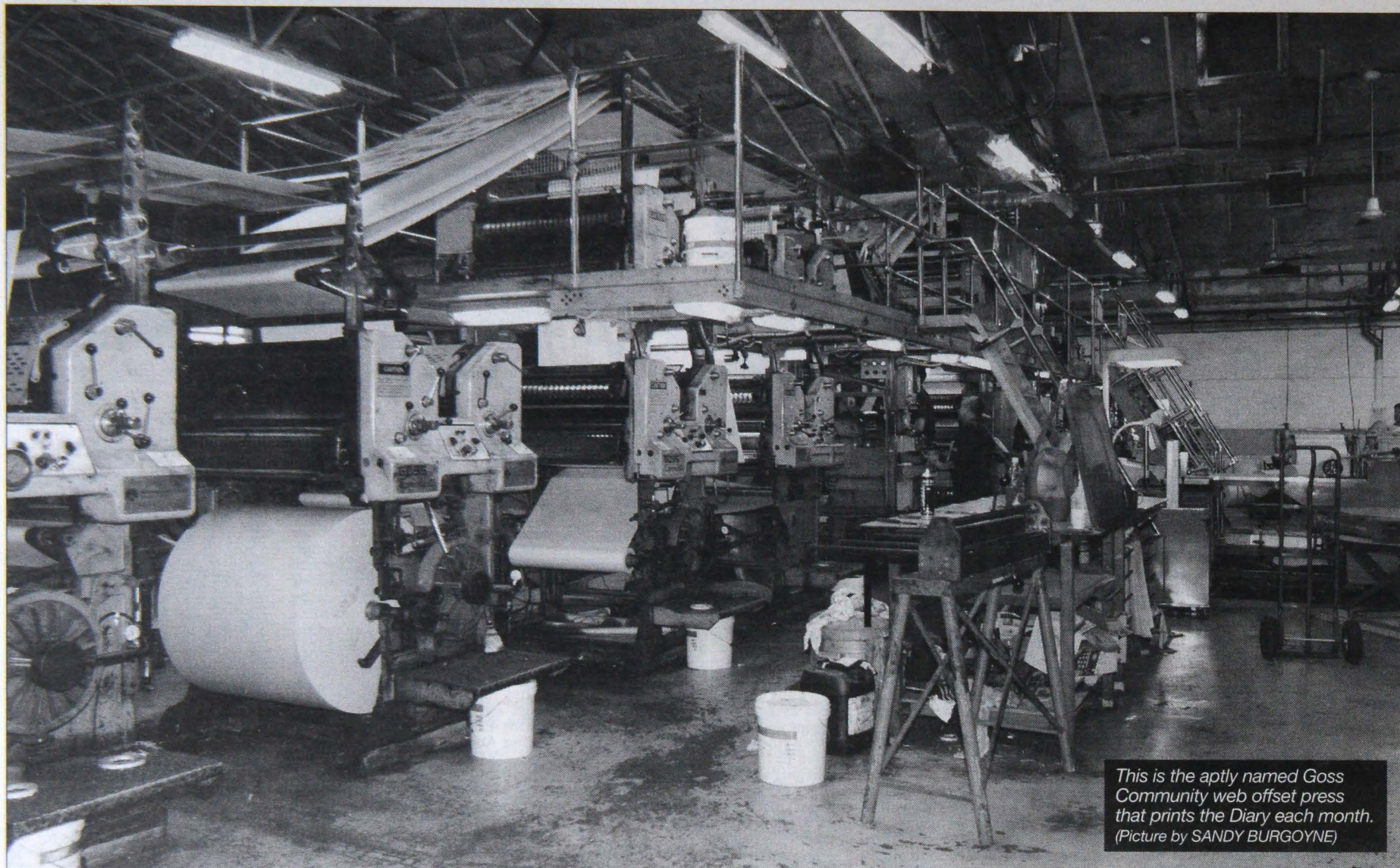
Saturday night—fibro house squatting in  
dust  
Definitely no pubs—dry in all ways  
*There is no such thing as silence, but  
almost, and the dogs  
Red dirt, cold stars*

Straight lines, straight horizon  
Forever rolling red, only  
Broken by blue-grey  
Stumps of scrubby saltbush

Here ambling is an art form  
Bare feet, dry-river roads  
Like a melted Daii clock—time drips  
Melts, into quiet desert country

Blackfella country

**KAREN THROSSELL**



This is the aptly named Goss Community web offset press that prints the *Diary* each month. (Picture by SANDY BURGOYNE)

# Enter the digital and web offset age

## a town and its newspaper

The *Diary* celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Each month through 2010, SANDY BURGOYNE is relating the history of this unique community newspaper.

**I**N taking over as co-editors in 1983, Bob Millington and Mark Davis set about the overdue change to offset printing. Cold metal, as the process is also known, offers more versatility than letterpress and cheaper reproduction of photographs and other illustrations. In offset printing the inked printing plates, which are attached to a cylinder, transfer the image to a rubber blanket covering another cylinder. As the inked blanket cylinder rotates it deposits the image onto the paper, which is fed from another set of rollers. The paper is supplied in continuous flow from large rolls called webs.

The co-editors were well placed to move the *Diary* from hot metal to offset printing, as they had many contacts in the printing trade. From the September 1983 issue Photo Offset Productions in Fitzroy took over as the printer. At this stage the *Diary* make-up was still done in the traditional way with paste-ups onto actual size grid sheets.

"They got the typesetters called Bandida... I think the guy that ran Bandida was an old roddie in the music business. Bandida set it and then they went to...flatbed offset — abandoned letterpress which by then was being phased out anyway. So Bandida set it up on computer typesetting, but all the make-up and so on still had to be done from here and it was that strip stuff where they...wax it and stick it down and assemble the paper like that, then a

plate is made," Cliff Green recalls.

The paper stock was also changed for the September 1983 issue, moving from the lustrous paper that Wally Cornhill had used to a porous, matt stock. From the first issue of 1987 the *Diary* was produced tabloid size (295x420mm). Tabloid is attractive for many reasons. It is a popular, standard newspaper size, which means a ready supply of paper plus many printeries have presses set up for it. The larger page size also offers flexibility of layout. Bob Millington recalls of the transition, "We wanted it to look more like a newspaper. The old one was fine, but I mean you are stuck into that virtual three columns per page."

The co-editors also took the opportunity for a layout redesign, starting with the front page and masthead. The *Diary* started its life with a masthead at the top spanning three quarters of the page, with the 'Village calendar' of coming events beside it. After two years a narrower, almost square, masthead was introduced. This encouraged the "legging" of headlines, and sometimes photographs, above the masthead with the text of stories running beside it. Editors Millington and Davis disliked this image and returned to a traditional "newspaperly" look with a full span masthead at the top of the front page in October 1983. At the beginning of 1986 this masthead was shortened somewhat to make room for advert "ears" on either side. This layout continues today, although the masthead has been redesigned twice since then. Other layout changes followed, including black "straps" at the top of inside pages, with month and year of issue and page numbers "reversed" into the strap in white. Later, "drop cap" initial letters and sans-serif headlines were introduced to differentiate features from news content.

The job of assembling the newspaper remained a cottage industry. Bob Millington recalls that the *Diary* was put together, "on the pine table in the kitchen of our house...The most technological thing we ever had was an electric

typewriter, which the *Diary*, through Cliff (Green), kindly got for us." Judy Macdonald (a former editor) lived in North Warrandyte and worked in the CBD during the 1980s. Her part in the production chain was to take the prepared copy to Bandida Productions for typesetting. She wrote in the *Diary*'s 20th anniversary edition of her adventures: "I now have the important job of delivering finished material to Bandida. If you have seen what looks like a drug exchange outside the Grand Hotel at about 8 o'clock on some Monday mornings, it's not. Just because Jan Tindale arrives in her nightie and gumboots some mornings doesn't mean anything sordid is going on. Nor is anything strange going on if I'm seen kneeling on the footpath in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, on that same morning, stuffing packages under the door marked 'Bandida'. I've been given some funny looks, let me tell you!"

Bob Millington remembers taking his turn at moving material between the typesetters and his home. He would take a taxi from *The Age* office, which was then on the corner of Spencer and Lonsdale streets, to the typesetter in Fitzroy, spend some time there on *Diary* business then return to his office in the city. He says of assembling the *Diary* for printing, "Generally you'd do it in one hit, so that would take five, six, seven nights of putting it together, sometimes not as much as that. Then you bundled it all off, sent it off to the printers." The quest for a printery prepared to take on a short-run tabloid newspaper and produce a quality result continued over several years. Streamline Press took over the print-run in mid 1993 and continues today. In September 1998 the paper ran its first colour photo on the front page. Colour has since been extended to the back and centre pages and sometimes elsewhere. Bandida Productions continued as the newspaper's typesetters throughout a cavalcade of offset printers, but a change was on the way.

The *Diary* was slowly moving

towards use of digital technologies. Many *Diary* staff used personal computers in their homes and businesses, particularly word processing. Gradually these new technologies crept into the preparation and production of the newspaper. The move to in-house production through digital technology was given impetus when the *Diary* moved into its office in the Warrandyte Community Centre in 1991. After 20 years of assembling the newspaper around various kitchen tables and on living room floors in Warrandyte and North Warrandyte, the *Diary* finally had a central office where staff could work together. Mark Davis, who was then production editor at *Business Review Weekly*, advised on setting up the computer equipment. Cartoonist and architect Jock Macneish designed the office layout to be harmonious to newspaper production. A local cabinet-maker made the furniture — work-stations, desks and layout benches — for the office.

Towards the end of 1991 a typesetter was appointed to compose the newspaper at the *Diary* office. Aldus (later Adobe) PageMaker was installed as the layout software in the *Diary* office. Allardice Graphic Arts of Blackburn was entrusted with imagesetting for the paper. The next step in bringing pre-production under the one roof was the purchase of a second Macintosh computer and a scanner for the office in 1992. Scanned illustrations could now be placed directly into the electronic layout. One of the *Diary*'s first cadets also helped bring digital technology into the newspaper's office. Clinton Grybas started writing for the *Diary* in 1990 while he was still at high school. In 1992 he commenced studies in public relations at RMIT University. Much of the *Diary* layout was still produced on grid sheets then the typesetter copied it into desktop publishing. Grybas was learning desk-top publishing at university and started to help with the *Diary*'s layout. Eventually he convinced the editor that it was worth doing all layout direct to the

computer. For many years now, the editor has "talked" type selection and page design to the typesetter, who sets it directly into the pages.

The *Diary*'s digital revolution gradually spread to the contributors. Most stories from regular contributors arrive in the office in electronic form via email attachment. A majority of the photographs are now supplied as JPEG or TIFF files from digital cameras. Cartoons and illustrations also arrive in the office in electronic form burnt to a CD.

Rachel Schroeder, of Ink Spot Instant Printing, took over as typesetter in 1993 and continues to date. Over several years she oversaw the movement of production to a totally in-house operation, with all typesetting, conversion of illustrations to digital form and composition being done in the *Diary*'s office. The final pages are converted to a PDF (portable document format) file and sent to Streamline Press electronically. Printery staff open the *Diary* file on their computer and send the information to a machine that photographically reproduces the pages on large aluminium sheets. The printers anchor these onto the cylinders of a Goss Community web offset machine — a versatile press that is popular for producing small and specialist newspapers. From this setup the *Diary* print run of 4000 copies is faithfully reproduced, colour and mono pages, in about half an hour — printed, collated, cut, folded and packaged up ready for delivery. Lee Tindale commented in an interview 10 years ago on the change to in-house production, "it's simply a matter of getting it all together in that last week, that's all, before it's published. It's fairly streamlined, I guess, for a voluntary operation...It used to take a full week between proofreading and publication, now it's a day!"

(Clinton Grybas died in 2008 aged 32.)

● Illustrations — cartoons, photographs and drawings — have been a feature of the *Diary* from the first issue and next month we look at how these are brought to our readers.

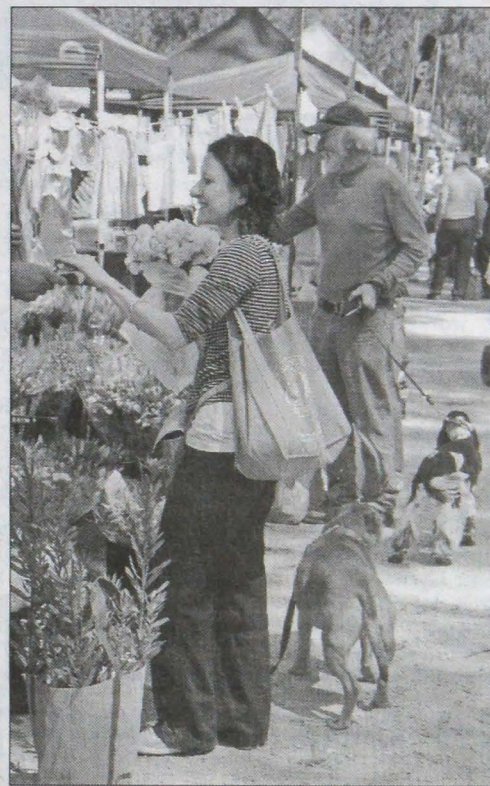


# Kids, dogs and cockatoos...

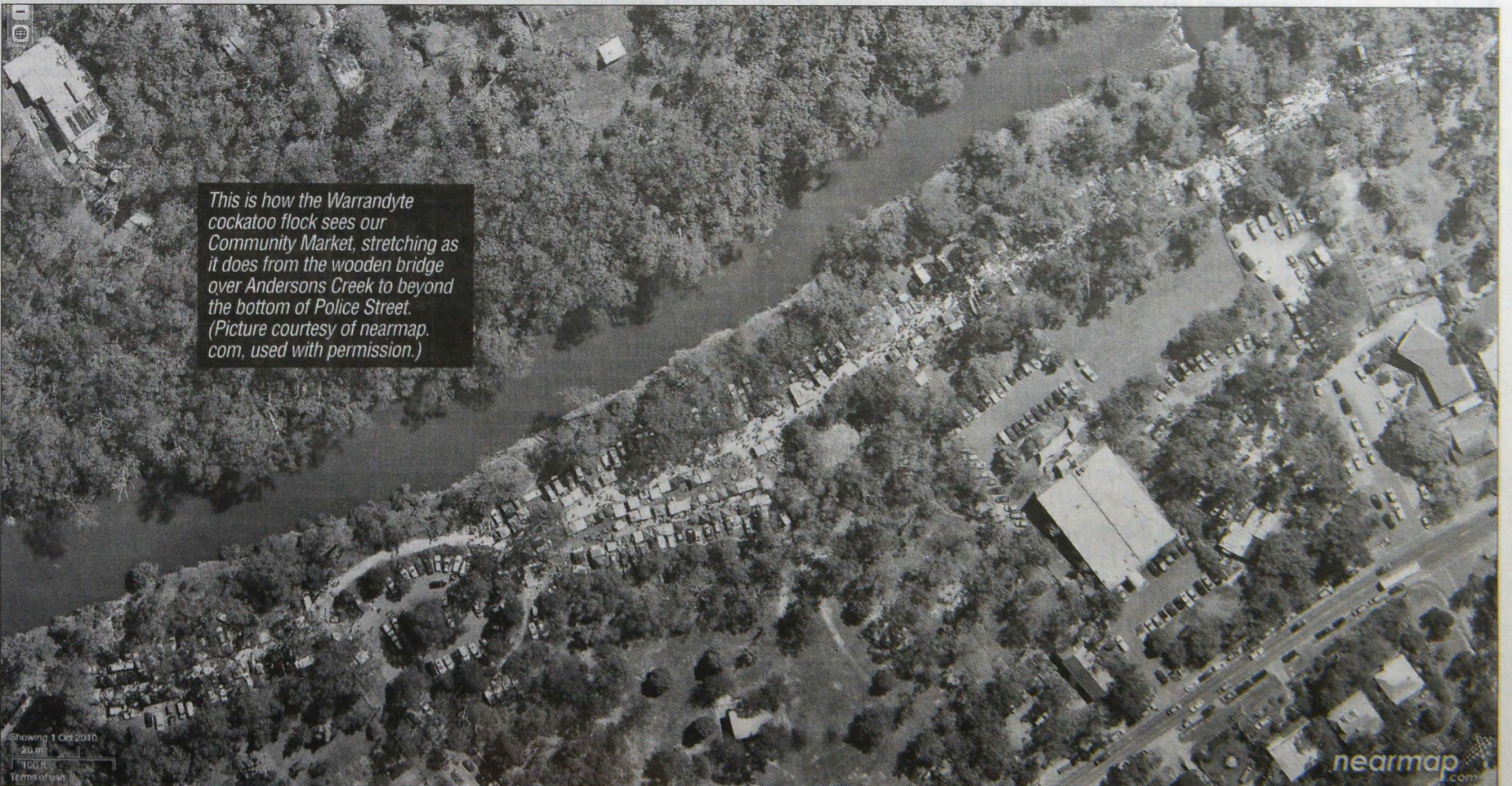


### Meandering through our monthly market



The Community Market is a highlight of life in Warrandyte: pick up a bargain (or six), meet old friends, dodge dogs, pushers and shopping trolleys and just enjoy the morning.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



*This is how the Warrandyte cockatoo flock sees our Community Market, stretching as it does from the wooden bridge over Andersons Creek to beyond the bottom of Police Street. (Picture courtesy of nearmap.com, used with permission.)*


**Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver**



Coach Simone Caruana encourages her young side in the game against Eltham.

## Grading matches for young Redbacks

After the excitement of the just completed winter Saturday basketball season, grading for the 2010/2011 summer season has just got under way.

Teams are coming together and finding where they will settle.

Warrandyte's Under 14 girls had a good hit out against Balwyn's top side, coming away with the points by 20-14.

The game was low scoring and physical with both

defences working hard. Twelve of the 18 points in the first half were from the free throw line.

Warrandyte held the lead for most of the game but it was only in the final few minutes that stand-in coach, Mark Padfield could relax.

Lauren Robertson top scored for the Redbacks with six points, with five points from Christy Terei and Shannae Gaudion and four points to Emily Caulfield.

"The girls knew what they had to do and they did it" was the coach's comment after the game.

Warrandyte's Under 12 BB boys had an easy win over nearby Doncats winning 49-14 with Daniel Roberson scoring 15 points and Josh Robertson 14 points.

The Redback's Under 8-2 girls were easily defeated by the top Eltham side 23-2 at Eltham. Coach Simone Caruana was happy how her girls performed.

# Youth have a path to future

The development pathway at Warrandyte Basketball continues to expand with the recent announcement of the club's first Youth Teams.

With senior teams already successfully competing in the Big V competition, the introduction of Youth Teams provides the Venom program with a bridge between juniors and seniors.

In 2011 the club will place the women's Youth Team in the Big V Youth League competition, while the men's Youth Team will play in the Kilsyth open-age competition with a view to joining the Big V in 2012.

Club president Justin Nelson congratulated those selected and said the introduction of Youth Teams completed the player pathway at Warrandyte Basketball.

"Five years ago we started working towards this pathway and it's a good feeling to reach that goal.

"These Youth Teams will provide all kids coming through the Redbacks and Venom programs with a

clear pathway to senior basketball," said Nelson.

"Across all of our programs we now have more than 700 active participants at Warrandyte Basketball, and it continues to grow. It's important that a five-year old starting out in Aussie Hoops has a pathway that could see them playing senior basketball 20 years down the track.

"We have to keep building a successful program for the next generation.

"Our Youth Teams are made up entirely of home-grown players. Every player selected is a current or former Redbacks or Venom player.

"We are big on developing players, not bringing them in from elsewhere and these Youth Teams will be great examples of that," he said.

Nelson also confirmed he had recruited a new player to his Division One women's senior team, announcing former SEABL 250-game veteran Robyn Ladd had joined his 12-player squad.

"We're delighted to bring Robyn to the club. She has

years of experience at a high level, is a very versatile player and adds fantastic depth to our squad.

"Robyn lives locally and has already shown at training that she will be a valuable member of the team," said Nelson.

### Warrandyte Youth Team (Women)

Coach: Nicole Howard  
Chivonne Shannon (capt), Emma Hoehne, Jess Cridland, Amber Saunders, Bree Waugh, Caitlin Hallett, Hannah Bensch, Ellen Pattison, Demi Joy, Simone Caruana, Meg Keppel, Maddy Taylor, Bec Heddes, Ash Brobbel.

### Warrandyte Youth Team (Men)

Coach: Jason Weidemann  
Assistant Coach: Peter Demos

Jake Ratcliffe, Matt Clough, Shane Holloway, Dave Wood, Peter Whittingham, Tyson Stein, Jaimie Langley, George Demos, Chris Williams, Andrew Clough, Taylor Hayton, Billy Lavery, Joel Rimes, Tim Demos, Jarrod Buzzini, Jessie Aitchison.

## Basketball shorts

Warrandyte's senior women's competition kicked off at the end of October.

The competition is being played on Sunday evenings and designed to be played in a relaxed way.

The opening game was indicative. The Venomous Vixens, a team mostly of current players, took on the Sweet@ side, most of whom would appear to have little recent court experience.

At half time, the score was 35-4 to the Vixens but fun was being had by both sides.

For the record, Alyssia Buzzini won the opening tip off, with Chivonne Shannon

scoring the first points for the Vixens and Kelli Taylor the first points for the Sweet@.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

October saw the last on the intra club and inter club games in the representative basketball competition.

Warrandyte played a set of practice games against Ringwood, giving the coaches a final look at the players and the teams.

"So far, so good," was Matt Lane's comment.

Matt is part of the coaching panel with special involvement

## Big V recruits signed

Warrandyte Venom has unveiled three new players and is still on the lookout for at least one more as it prepares for a busy 2011 Big V season.

Boasting a short but successful history, which has seen the club never miss the finals - four years in D1W and one year in D3M - the Venom senior program continues to evolve.

The men's team has announced two new recruits, confirming the signing of Kyle Staples and Simon Hughes.

Staples is a versatile player with the ability to play point through to small forward.

With a strong athletic build his speed and agility make him a difficult player to guard and a prolific scorer with an uncanny ability to get to the rack. After playing D1M with Werribee in 2009, Kyle moved to the UK to play basketball in the English Basketball League.

Standing at a towering 207cm, Hughes has dominated the paint in his seven years in the Big V to date playing the past five seasons at Camberwell, and previously at Hawthorn.

Hughes has been named

Big V All Star Centre on two occasions, most recently in 2010, and has been in the Top 5 in Points Per Game, Rebounds and Blocked Shots for the past five years.

Meanwhile, the Venom's D1W has welcomed former Knox champion Robyn Ladd to the team. She returns to the Big V after last playing with Sherbrooke back in 2007.

A versatile player who

can play multiple positions, Ladd's experience won't be lost on many of the Venom's young players.

"Robyn is super fit and has fitted straight in. No doubt she brings the experience we need to take the next step," said coach Justin Nelson.

Nelson also confirmed he is on the lookout for one more player to complete his D1W roster.

## Pupils on target

Archery has taken over in Warrandyte as children from Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools participated in the "Play for life ... join a sporting club" campaign.

It is a community initiative aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of primary school aged children.

Children from both schools recently travelled to the Yarra Valley Archery Park for a fun filled day of activities.

The children spent the day shooting arrows under the guidance of Ian Simmonds from the Yarra Valley Archery club.

They were also treated to a display of archery bows and arrows used from medieval times through to those used in Olympic competition.

With the sun shining outside, the children were also able to practice their golf swings on the driving range.

Coralie Souvatzis from Warrandyte Primary School said: "Some of the children have enjoyed archery so much they have convinced their parents to take them down to the archery range on the weekend".

## Warrandyte Basketball sponsorship

PORTER DAVIS  
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Warrandyte Basketball is pleased to announce the signing of new sponsor, PORTER DAVIS HOMES for the Women's Youth Team.

"Porter Davis Homes is proud to be associated with Warrandyte Basketball Club and the Venom program. We see this as a great opportunity to give back to a local community" - Steve Tankey, Porter Davis Homes director.

"This sponsorship is fantastic for the club, our players and members, the community and basketball in general. To attract generous sponsorship from respected companies like Porter Davis Homes is vital at grassroots level" - Justin Nelson, Warrandyte Basketball president.

Other Warrandyte Basketball sponsors include Rob Cousens Furniture (D3M) and Gardiner McInnes Estate Agents (DIW).

# Hawks back on the winner's list

By FRANS BROUWER

South Warrandyte Hawks turned Saturday's match on its head when they defeated Croydon North by 44 runs in their RDCA Trollope Shield match.

The Hawks were bundled out for a lowly 92 but then crashed through the Croydon North line-up to dismiss them for only 48.

It was a welcome return to the winner's list for the Hawks who have had a shaky start to the season.

They had an unlucky loss in Round 1 and in the next round, Wantirna South was held to 9/130 (Ben Neagle 3/32), but the batsmen were unable to capitalize – and were all out 96.

In the most recent match, South Warrandyte reached 7/73 (Josh Barrett 30) on the first day before rain washed out further play.

Quickly all out for 92, the bowlers fought back magnifi-

cently to dismiss Croydon North for 48. Ben Neagle took 6/9 off 5.5 overs, with his last two overs double wicket maidens, and Steve Lindsay with 3/5 off 12 overs).

The Second XI (A Grade) followed the Round 1 cancellation with a win in Round 3 as their 6/109 (Chris Jones 39no) was too good for Wantirna's 106 ("Nudge" Thomas 3/18, David McBride 3/24).

The following week, Chirnside Park reached 8/153 off 37 overs (McBride 4/26) before a washout. Last Saturday was a let-down, with 132 being no match for St Andrews 8/161 (David Mock 3/45).

The Third XI (D Grade) narrowly lost Round 2, but then were badly beaten by Olinda 5/134 to 78. Rain intervened when in a sound position with 6/156 (Chris Ryan 64, Jake Robb 43no)

against Heathmont Baptist.

In the most recent game the Hawks', 8/184 (Scott Adams 57, Hayden Richards 32) was passed by East Ringwood 5/194 with two overs to spare.

The most frustrated team must be the Fourth XI (H Grade), with a cancellation of Round 1, a forfeit received in Round 3, a bye in Round 4, and a bye coming up in a 2-dayer in Round 6.

Winning a one-dayer in Round 2 against North Ringwood and not playing for the next three weeks was a poor lead-in, however, Joel Holewa's 75no set up a score of 4/162, and three runouts helped destroy Norwood for 86.

The Fifth XI (J Grade) lost Round 2 and were 2/148 (John Cleary 31, Brad Palmer 42no, Alistair Price 30no) against North Ringwood when rain forced

abandonment. Following the withdrawal of one of its opponents, this team will have byes in Rounds 5 and 7.

A win in Round 2 for the Sixth XI (M Grade) was followed by a washout and then an unrewarded fine bowling and fielding display (three runouts) against Croydon Ranges 85 (Jahn Holewa 3/14). In the latest match, Ainslie Park managed 151 (Brad Palmer 4/26), but was passed by 6/154 (Palmer 39, Jahn Holewa 32).

The Under 18s won Round 1 but Round 2 was a different matter, with 66 no match for Ainslie Park's 7/122 (J Pye 3/15). Chasing St Andrews 6/186 in Round 3 was never going to be easy, but 7/156 was a good effort.

Things are tough at the moment for Under 16-2, with two losses and an outright defeat in Round 3. However,

this is a talented team and the results will come soon, especially when the batting lineup settles.

A win was followed by a narrow loss for the Under 14-1s against Croydon Ranges, whose 9/90 (Jake Sammartino 3/5) edged out the Hawks' 81 (Mitch Chappell 22no). In Round 3, Templeton scored 6/182 in reply to 133.

A forfeit received, followed by an abandoned match, was a poor lead-in to the Under12-2 match against Ainslie Park, who took full toll with 1/183 and 5/67 against the Hawks' 34.

The Masters 1 team has suffered creditable losses against the top two sides, but is a strong chance at home against South Croydon.

The Legends scored 4/141 (Cutler 34, Reilly 33no) to pass Croydon's 8/134 (Schoonraad 3/24).



Rachel Lynch

## Gold for Rachel

All Rachel Lynch wanted after being part of the gold medal winning Australian Hockeyroos was an ice cream.

The Warrandyte athlete was the goalkeeper in the hockey team that took out of the top prize at the Delhi Commonwealth Games.

Rachel was widely regarded as one of the standout players throughout the lead up games and made a number of outstanding saves in the final.

Interviewed after the match she said all she wanted after competing in the hot Indian sun was an ice cream.

Rachael was brought up in Warrandyte with her parents, David and Anne.

Rachael finished her Bachelor of Nursing at the end of 2009. She moved to Perth in January 2010 to train full time on scholarship at the AIS.

# 'Dytes remain unbeaten

By RYAN HOIBERG

Warrandyte Cricket Club's five senior teams have all started the new season in outstanding fashion, with all grades near the top end of the ladder despite the miserable weather.

Warrandyte's First Eleven have started the year undefeated under new captain Campbell Holland, with two recent rain affected victories over Mooroolbark and Lilydale.

In Round 2 Warrandyte travelled to Mooroolbark in a two-day match that was reduced to a one day encounter due to Melbourne's wild weather.

Holland won the toss and despite the loss of Chris Barry (0) and Holland (2) early, young opener Jack Ellis (43) and Blake Morgan (42) pushed the scoreboard along, working together towards a defendable total.

With handy scores by Mooney (18) and Taylor (23) Warrandyte finished their 40 overs with 6/133. The total was small, but defendable and Holland's bowlers restricted Mooroolbark to a mere 64 runs for eight wickets.

The pick of the bowlers was debutant Ryan Pascoe, who had been promoted following a strong season in the seconds last season and he finished with a

respectable 3/19 from his six overs. Tyson Walshe (2/15) chipped in with handy figures and all bowlers snared a wicket in an excellent display of tight bowling.

The second week saw another rain affected game, with the weather restricting the first day's play late in the afternoon. Warrandyte had travelled to Lilydale and Ellis (69) was again in good form.

He and Morgan (29) worked together well, before Ellis fell before the rain came for Warrandyte to come back and continue their overs in the second week.

Morgan and Barry (22) pushed the total along, but the 'Dytes were left on 9/198 until young pair of Alex McIntosh and Walshe, both opening bowlers, put on a show of big hitting, with mainly McIntosh teeing off on the Lilydale attack. They pushed the scoreboard onto 247 before Walshe (16) was dismissed, with McIntosh remaining not out with 50.

Holland took the opening wicket for Warrandyte with the score on 54 but when Matthew Szanis was introduced, the game turned on its head and he finished with 6/23 from 13 overs.

Lilydale collapsed to go from 2/61 to be all out for 80.

In the lower grades, the Second XI are also undefeated.

Again facing a rain delayed start the second's hosted Wonga Park in a tight encounter that saw Ryan Hoiberg (48) steer the ship towards a defendable 137. Mitchell Gaffney lit the crowd up with a wonderful finish to the game, snaring three late wickets and a run out to completely run through the Wonga Park line up.

The following week again saw the seconds playing at home and after a good start from openers Stephen Goddard and Tyson Rees, Warrandyte's middle order collapsed again until Hoiberg and Dean Gidley got them through to the rain.

After a semi collapse at the start of play on the second day, Beardall (28) smashed the East Ringwood line up around the park to give his team something to bowl at.

Steve Warr ensured that East Ringwood were never in the running, destroying the opening line up in a fear-some display of fast bowling. Warr ended with 5/26, highlighted by his fifth wicket being his 300th for Warrandyte.

The Third Eleven were defeated for the first time in Round 5, and were denied a

sure victory in the hills of Olinda by rain in Round 4.

The Fourth Eleven welcomed young Cameron Creber to their squad this year and he was a rock with the bat and ball, finishing with a well deserved man of the match in Round 5 and figures of 4/15 in the third round victory against South Croydon.

The Fifth Eleven have had a batting master-class delivered to their young members by two senior Warrandyte veterans, with Greg Warren smashing 150, and Daniel Wellesley 116 in their last two matches.

Nathan Oremek finished with a fantastic 6/23.

Scores  
Round 2 – Warrandyte 6/133 (Ellis 43, Taylor 23) def. Mooroolbark 8/64 (Pascoe 3/19, Walshe 2/15)  
Round 3 – Warrandyte 247 (Ellis 69, Morgan 29) def. Lilydale 9/80 (Szanis 6/23, Holland 2/27)  
Second Eleven –

Round 2 – Warrandyte 137 (Hoiberg 48) def. Wonga Park 127 (Gaffney 4/21, Beardall 2/33)

Round 3 – Warrandyte 144 (Beardall 28) def. East Ringwood 1108 (Warr 5/26, Gaffney 2/18, Pascoe 2/31)  
Third Eleven

Round 2 – Warrandyte 7/180 (Wright 47, Greve 34) def. Heathmont Baptists 9/107

# Rains restricts little athletes

By ED MUNKS

October saw a rain interrupted Little Athletics program with one day washed out and another with a modified program.

But in good news it also saw the first Friday twilight meet held in good spring conditions.

In the Ontrack program which runs from 8.30 am to 10 am for the Under 6s to Under 8s a number of the Warrandyte athletes have been rapidly improving their techniques.

In the Under 6s Oscar Bennett has a PB in the 100m of 26.68 and Alice Glover is fourth overall with a time of 24.60.

In the Under 7s Harrison Gruber is 17th overall in the long jump with 1.95 metres.

In the Under 8s Zali Bennett is 13th overall in the 100m with a time of 22.04; Harriette Glover is 14th overall in the shotput with a throw of 2.25metres and Ashlyn Krakouer is sixth overall in the long jump with a leap of 2.34m

Other Ontrack athletes include Chanelle Vitiritti, Luke Papez, Kimberley Gilling and Alastair Rodwell.

Other new athletes in the Under 10 age groups are Samuel Martini who had a great run in the 800m with a time of 3.53 and Dominic Lee is sixth overall in the 100m with a PB of 17.33; Jessica Rodwell is fourth overall in the discus with a PB of 10.30 metres.

In the Under 9s Michael

Paul is currently 10th with a time of 1.34.27 with brother Ryan coming 16th in the Under 14s with a time of 16.44 while twin sister Hailey is 13th in the girls' section with a time of 19.90 seconds.

In the Under 12s Shaun Young performed well in the 1500m with a good first up run of 6mins and 40 seconds to be 14th on the PB standings. Karl Papez in the 200m has a PB of 35.36 and should start to get quicker after an interrupted start to the season.

Jake Willis in the long jump is currently 11th with a best jump of 3.12 metres.

Relay season is about to start with the boys Under 11 team coached by Andrew Pynt and local boys Callum

Pynt and Nicholas Ward hope to go one better than in the previous two seasons and win a state gold medal.

The summer aths season's activities, include regional and state relay competitions, centre and state multi events as well as regional, state track and field event competition.

The summer little athletics season is generally held on Saturday morning with Under 6 – 8 from 8.30 – 10 am with Under 9 - 15 from 10am – 12.15, with occasional Friday evening competitions at Reischs reserve on George street.

For further information on Little Athletics call Andrew Pynt on 0410 478 333.

## NETBALL



Kristie Turner is presented with her Club Person of the Year award by Chris Hyde representing the Warrandyte Community Bank.

## Kristie wins top club award

Kristie Turner has been named Warrandyte Netball Club's Club Person of the year for 2010.

The award was presented at the club's presentation night, attended by more than 190 people.

Kristie has been playing netball for the WNC for more than 11 years.

She has also coached a number of teams, umpired and is currently being graded for her "B" Grade Umpiring Badge.



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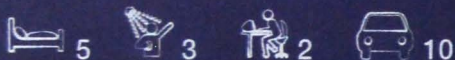
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### WARRANDYTE

*One of a kind*

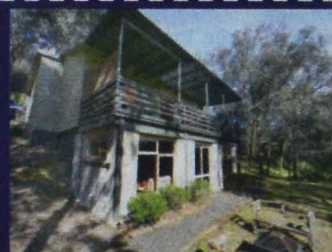
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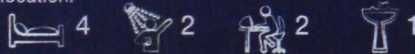
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